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This 1884 picture of Dummer Academy shows the old gymnasium (now half of Perkins Dormitory) on the far left. In the center is Parsons Schoolhouse in its original location (which was also the original location of the Little Red Schoolhouse). On the right is Commons which is still standing. In the distance on the far right is a house that burned down in 1917 which was replaced by Cleaveland House, later baptised Pierce Hall. Just out of sight on the left is the Mansion House.

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On the cover: Alison Miller and Stephen Booth at the 219th Commencement Exercises at GDA.

The Governor Dummer Scene



Headmaster Ragle to Retire in 1983

John W. Ragle, 61, Headmaster of Governor Dummer Academy since 1971, has announced his intention to retire from his present position in June, 1983. Mr. Ragle's plans were reported by Board of Trustees President Carl A. Pescosolido, Jr. following the Trustees' meeting in May.

Mr. Ragle is the fourth headmaster to serve Governor Dummer since the early 1900's, following Dr. Charles S. Ingham, Edward W. Eames and Valleau Wilkie, Jr. He is the twenty-fifth headmaster of the Academy since her founding in 1763.

Mr. Ragle's specific plans following retirement at GDA are still to be made, but generally he looks forward to the possibility of teaching English and writing full-time for a few years.

Mr. Ragle first served on the Governor Dummer faculty in 1947 through 1950 as an English and elementary French teacher when Mr. Eames was Headmaster. He also coached and was a dormitory master. Between 1950 and 1953, he taught and coached in the Springfield, Vermont junior and senior high schools. In 1953, Mr. Ragle

returned to GDA for a one-year appointment as writer in residence, coach, and dorm master, during which time he researched and began the Bicentennial History of Governor Dummer Academy. His appointment in September, 1972 followed a nationwide search to succeed Val Wilkie.

During his ten years as Headmaster, Governor Dummer Academy made the successful transition from an all-male school to a coeducational institution with a current enrollment of 335 students. Applications for enrollment are at the highest level in her 219 year history. The operating budget has grown from \$1.3 million to \$2.8 million, endowment from \$900,000 to \$3.6 million, annual giving from \$67,000 to \$230,000, and a \$2 million capital campaign has been successfully completed. During his term, the campus and facilities have seen many major improvements including the rerouting of Elm Street from the middle of the campus and construction of a footbridge over the bypass; construction of the Peter Marshall French Student Center and the Murphy-Frost Arena; expansion and improvement of the playing fields and other athletic facilities.

Mr. Pescosolido in his letter to alumni, parents and friends of the Academy describes the health of Governor Dummer Academy thus:

"A record-setting capital campaign completed, endowment doubled in recent years, the growth of alumni interest, annual giving at historic levels, gratifying academic and athletic achievements by a diverse student body, striking performances in the arts, applications for admission at record levels — these are indications of the state of Governor Dummer Academy in the spring of 1982, a state as positive, as secure, as sound as at any time in its 219 year history.

A decade ago, at the time of transition from Val Wilkie to Jack Ragle, the metaphorical winds of change were testing the strength of the institution; and so it always will be, as change is inevitable. The skilled meet the test not by challenging or defying the wind; rather, they take the strength of the wind and use it to their advantage, to serve their ends.

There are those who view change with a certain trepidation; there are others who view it with a sense of excitement; still others seize upon change as a time of opportunity.

The current state of Governor Dummer is a tribute to the contributions of many, joined with the commitment of a man who set off on a course ten years ago and who possessed the patience and the wisdom to keep the course, with subtle corrections sometimes unobserved by those around him."

In 1971, Mr. Ragle came to Governor Dummer from Dartmouth College, where he was Director of the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program and a Senior Lecturer in Education. Prior to Dartmouth, he was a teacher and program director in the Springfield, Vermont, public schools. He has also taught English and writing at the Mount Hermon School, Harvard-Newton Summer School, Phillips Exeter Academy and Hartford High School, White River Junction, Vermont.

Mr. Ragle has held numerous positions as a trustee, director and member of educational and professional associations. He has published extensively in professional journals and texts.

Mr. Ragle attended Shady Hill School in Cambridge, graduated Phillips Exeter Academy, earned his

Bachelor of Science (pre-medical) from the University of Chicago, received a Masters of Arts degree in English from Bread Loaf School in English, Middlebury College, and in 1962 was awarded a John Hay Fellowship at Columbia University. In 1964 he was cited on the National Teacher of the Year Honor Roll and in 1965 was winner of the Pathfinder Award, sponsored by the National Education Association and *Parade Magazine*, as director of a pilot program in the Humanities, Springfield, Vermont.

In the fall issue of the *Archon* a more comprehensive review of Mr. Ragle's contributions to the life and growth of Governor Dummer Academy will be published.

Alumni Association Adopts Incentive Awards

In an effort to bolster support from alumni to the school the Alumni Executive Committee approved the adoption of awards to be given to classes for excellence in alumni giving.

There are five awards that will be given for the first time for performance in the 1982/83 Alumni Fund. The **Reunion Prize** will go to the reunion class raising the most dollars. The **Morris P. Frost Prize** will be given to the non-reunion class that gives the most dollars to the Alumni Fund while the **Putnam P. Flint Award** will be given to the class with the highest percentage of participation.

In an effort to give the younger classes an increasingly important role, the **Howard J. Navins Trophy** will be given to that class from among the ten most recent graduating classes which achieves the highest percentage of participation. The **Arthur Sager Bowl** will be given to that class among the ten most recent classes which achieves the highest dollar total. "The importance of the younger classes cannot be underestimated," commented Annual Fund Chairman and Alumni Association Vice-President Tim Greene '50. "They make up almost 1/3 of the total alumni body and their participation is vitally important to the school."

Elections were held for new officers at the spring meeting. Sam Wakeman '61 will remain as President. Peter Navins '66 is the new Vice-President and Fiona Harris Lubbock '75 is the new Secretary. Leaving the Executive Committee after terms of invaluable service to the school are Barry Burlingham '71, Randi Birenbaum Lapidus



New Trustee Edward T. O'Dell, Jr., P'81, '84 with Headmaster Ragle.

'74, Tim Greene '50, Henry Dunker '47 and Peter Dorsey '69. Coming on to the Committee are Tracie Ackerman Fornaro '77 and Dan Morgan '67.

New Trustees Elected

At the May meeting of the Board of Trustees, one Trustee and one Alumni Trustee were elected. Stepping off the Board after many years of loyal service were former Board President Richard D. Phippen '38 and James Moseley. Also stepping down as an Alumni Trustee was David Mitchell '68.

Edward T. O'Dell, P'81'84 of Andover, Massachusetts was elected as a full member of the Board. A senior partner of the Boston law firm of Goodwin, Procter and Hoar, Mr. O'Dell has had a strong history of involvement in the Academy. He chaired the Parents Fund drive in 1980-81 when it grew over 250%. His wife Kris is deeply involved in the Allies, and son Brian will be a junior next year. Older son Tom '81 is presently attending Hamilton College.

Richard H. O'Leary '75 of New York City was elected to a three-year term as an Alumni Trustee. He is an account executive at J. Walter Thompson, USA, Inc. Mr. O'Leary has been tremendously active in GDA affairs as a class agent and member of the Alumni Association Executive Committee. He also has organized and coordinated the New York branch of the Alumni Association.

Arnold S. Wood '60 of Swampscott, senior vice president, Batterymarch Financial Management Corporation, was elected Treasurer succeeding George E. McGregor '51, who remains on the board. Mr. Wood will become a member of the Executive Committee.

The *Archon* congratulates these men on their appointments and extends warm appreciation to their predecessors.

College Placement Results Positive

The Class of 1982 had a strong year with its college placement, according to Bill Sperry and Bob Clagett, the Directors of College Guidance. "We had a better year than last year in terms of Ivy League admissions with over 10% of the class going to Ivy League Colleges," commented Sperry. "We also had an excellent year with what we call the 'prestige smaller college group.'" There are three seniors taking next year off for various reasons, but the rest of the class has been successfully placed at colleges appropriate for each student and in many cases of their first choice."

Colleges matriculating members of the Class of 1982 include Harvard, Dartmouth, Brown, Cornell, Amherst, Bowdoin, Middlebury, Haverford, Carleton, Kenyon, Northwestern, Trinity, Southern Methodist, St. Lawrence, Gettysburg, University of Colorado and all of the New England state universities.

Bob Clagett will be taking over as Director of College Placement for the 1982-83 year and looks for even stronger results from the Class of '83.

Spring Term Projects Give Seniors Great Opportunities

The Spring Term Project Program, begun in 1972, has given numerous seniors opportunities to explore areas of particular interest to them during their last quarter at GDA.

This spring nineteen seniors took advantage of the program and dropped some or all of their classes to avail themselves of some valuable opportunities from a wide range of fields. Many took on a look of social responsibility. Marc Rasbury designed a low cost housing project for the Bronx, New York City. Bonnie Perkins volunteered at the Aquarium in Boston, and Karen Matzner served as an intern in the Attorney General's office in Boston. Will Friend did an internship with the North Shore Council on Alcoholism.

Jillian Demeri worked at increasing her artistic versatility, while Sally DeGan worked on setting up a house-painting business. Bob Low spent his project organizing the alumni fundraising effort to commemorate Heb Evans' and Bob Anderson's 25th Coaching Anniversary. These and many other projects gave springtime a new look for many seniors.

Human Relationships Seminars Offered

This spring marked the beginning of a new, and hopefully long-lasting program at the Academy. The Human Relationships and Sexuality Seminars were started this spring with a grant from the GDA Allies in order to promote better understanding among the students on sensitive issues that confront teenagers today.

There were six groups of volunteers, ten juniors and seniors each (five boys and five girls), who met for six consecutive Thursday evenings for hour-an-a-half to two-hour sessions. Each group was led by two faculty members (one man and one woman) who had gone through extensive training with Dr. Robert Masland of Children's Hospital in Boston.

The groups, through role playing and other means of promoting a valuable interchange of ideas, talked through the problems of growing from adolescence into adulthood, including the peer and adult pressures that are put on the students. The extremely positive evaluation of the program by both students and faculty has led to the decision to continue and expand the program next year.

Allies Have Successful Spring

One of the annual rites of spring at GDA has been the GDA Allies Picnic and Flea Market. This year numerous area families came onto the campus to choose from the many bargains that were available. The money raised through this event goes to fund the various projects around the school, sponsored by the Allies. These include the Scholarship Fund, projects of the Social Committee, the Archives, the Computer Center and many, many more.

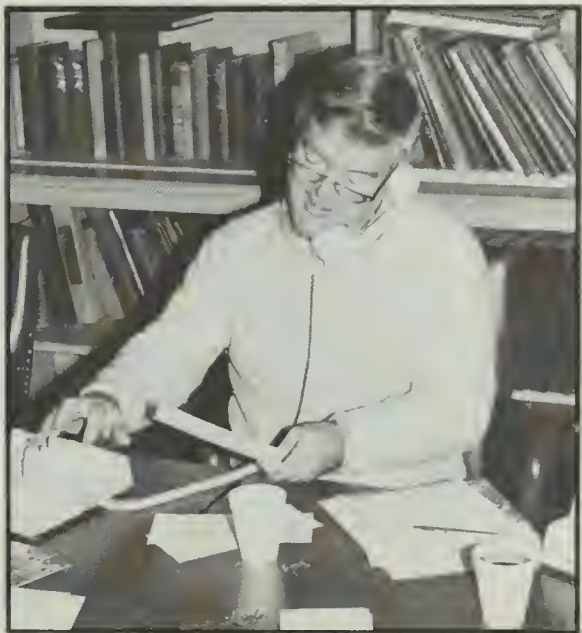
The Allies had their Annual Meeting on May 20 and reported on their accomplishments for the year. Officers elected for the 1982-83 year were Barbara Liss P'83, President, Ruth Hoffman P'83, Vice-president and Marty Sperry P'83, Treasurer. Dave Williams of the faculty spoke on the tremendous compassion and concern shown by the students in the newly instituted Human Relationships and Sexuality Seminars, funded by the Allies, and David Schwartz '82 spoke on the caring and sharing of the student body during the course of the year.



Marshall Rowe '82, School Chaplain C. Dudley Cleghorn and Claire Dober '82.

Parents Fund Achieves Goals

Once again the parents of GDA students have met a fund-raising challenge with remarkable success. By achieving the goals of 70% participation and \$70,000, the Parents Fund has helped the overall Annual Fund to achieve its goal of \$200,000 and, therefore, the school to maintain the strength of its offerings. "Both Sandy (Adams) and I are deeply indebted to the parents for their gifts and to the volunteers who put so much time and effort into this year's fund. Without them we never would have made it," commented Chairman Fred Adams P'83, '84.



Parents Committee member Dick Condon P'85 at the Parents Fund Phonathon.

Summer Construction Extensive

Although the summer months are usually a bit quieter around the Byfield campus, the summer of 1982 will see many changes coming about through renovations and improvements to many campus buildings.

Perkins Dormitory is undergoing the first phase of a two-year project, with the expansion of the faculty apartments (they are being moved to the north end of the building) and the renovation of the bathrooms. A new faculty apartment is being built in Ingham Under as an extension of the first-floor apartment.

Moody House will receive a much needed new bathroom and shower as well as a new fire egress. The school store will move into the new addition to the French Building and the Development Office will move into new offices created in the lower level of Phillips.

On the athletic front the Byfield Bowl will receive a much needed regrading and new turf, while the locker rooms at the Murphy-Frost Arena will be built by the fall for use by women's and men's teams.

If Boynton House can be declared a National Historic Building, the Trustees have decided to renovate it into a more efficient space for dormitory use in the fall of '83. In all it looks to be a busy summer for Business Manager Don Champoux and his crew.



Tom and Kittie Mercer at the Awards Ceremony.

Kittie Mercer Retires

After fourteen years of heading the visual arts department at GDA, Kittie Stiles Mercer, wife of Faculty Member Emeritus Tom Mercer, is retiring. Kittie, a talented artist in her own right, spent many hours working with students in the Thompson Arts Center. She singlehandedly has brought the Parsons Schoolhouse Gallery the respect that it holds today and is responsible for bringing many fine exhibits to the campus.

Mrs. Mercer has been an active promoter of the arts at GDA and has encouraged many hundreds of students to become aware of the beauty and gratification which lie in the arts. Much of the tremendous growth and enthusiasm surrounding the arts in recent years can be attributed to her hard work and caring for students. In appreciation for all of her efforts the 1982 Milestone was dedicated to her.

Kittie and her husband Tom will continue to live next door to the Navins' on Faculty Lane. Their involvement in the school will certainly not waver; Tom will continue to be the Archon's Class Notes editor and Kittie will remain involved with the Gallery. The Archon and all members of the GDA family extend their warmest thanks and appreciation for the positive impact that Mrs. Mercer has had on the Academy. (For profile on Kittie Mercer by Mac Murphy see page 11.)

Annual Fund Surpasses Goal

At press time two weeks remain in the Annual Fund, but already the Fund has exceeded its goal of an unrestricted \$200,000, with a June 23 total of \$226,000. "We have seen a tremendous surge of support from alumni, parents and friends of the school over the past two years," observed Annual Fund Chairman Tim Greene '50. "In fact, over the last two years the Fund will have experienced an overall growth of over 70%, and during a period of general economic hardship that is a remarkable statistic."

The Alumni Fund is verging on the magic 40% participation total and has already passed its \$120,000 goal. The success of the Parents Fund has been noted in a previous column.

"None of these tremendous achievements could have been attained without the corps of volunteers that so willingly give of their time to the school," asserted Greene. "The class agents, phoners and workers simply did one tremendous job."

The complete summary of the Annual Fund will be part of the Annual Report issue of the Archon published in September.

Twilight Softball League

Although the old volleyball league, with Tom Mercer as the Grand Pooh-Bah, is no longer in existence, something has developed to take its place. In the spring, three or four evenings a week, students and faculty gather in the Byfield Bowl for Twilight Softball.

Conceived three years ago by faculty member Bob Cole, the League consists of eleven co-ed student teams and one

faculty team. The games last exactly one hour and are played immediately prior to Study Hall. Over two hundred students voluntarily participate in this tremendously popular activity. Beautiful spring evenings see the bank of the Bowl fill with students relaxing and enjoying the spectacle.

The atmosphere is relaxed and spirited and broad participation is the goal. It is certainly one of the good new traditions at GDA.

Alcohol Awareness Program Expands

Throughout the country, and also at GDA, there has been an increased effort to educate teenagers in the issues surrounding alcohol use. This year, and especially this spring, GDA has attempted to heighten the awareness of both students and parents in this important area.

For the past two years teachers from the Council for Freedom from Chemical Dependency have taken all sophomores through a week of classes to help them learn about alcohol, its effects and its uses. These meetings have been well received and help students at this crucial age address some substantial questions.

This spring there have been movies and discussion groups for students concerning drinking, driving and other related topics. Peer discussion groups led by Will Friend '82, who was doing an internship with the North Shore Council on Alcoholism, have been held on a weekly basis to deal with student concerns. There have also been parent meetings with the Headmaster to discuss the issues from a parent perspective.



Mr. & Mrs. Dan Morgan's '67 two daughters were baptized at GDA's Moseley Chapel over Reunion Weekend. Mr. & Mrs. Paul Morgan '41 are understandably proud grandparents.

Washington Week III

From Saturday, May 8th, to Saturday, May 15th, 1982, eight Governor Dummer seniors saw our nation's capital as few others have ever seen it. The group was, to say the least, given the Red Carpet treatment: between the indispensable guidance of Daniel (Radar) Cross '81 and the generous hospitality of his mother Mrs. Meredith Homet, we saw Washington D.C. literally "behind closed doors." The group, along with Assistant Headmaster Christopher Harlow (or "Dad" as the group called him), arrived in Washington that first Saturday evening. From that moment on, we knew our luck on the trip would be good.

Sunday morning, when some of us decided to attend a service at the Washington National Cathedral, we received our first surprise; the service focused on the Equal Rights Amendment, the speaker being the Honorable Patricia Schroeder, a well-known Congresswoman and expert on the subject. After our visit at this glorious cathedral and an evening visit to the JFK Center for the Performing Arts, our working schedule began Monday morning. On our way to the Pentagon, the group stopped at Arlington National Cemetery and, again, another surprise: the Vice-Chancellor of Austria was performing the honors at the tomb of John F. Kennedy.

After this unusual encounter, two days were highlighted with visits to Senators Paul Tsongas from Massachusetts; the President of the National Women's Political Caucus, Kathy Wilson; Congressman Nicholas Mavroules, representing the Boston North Shore area; Senator Gordon Humphrey from New Hampshire, and several congressional committee hearings.

All of these meetings were interesting, but none came close to Wednesday morning's special event. After being carefully screened by the FBI and the CIA, we entered the White House executive office building and were met by one of Dan's cousins who worked there.

We then left the building, passed through the west gate of the White House and were escorted directly up to the V.I.P. section of a large crowd. The event: a ceremony commemorating the arrival of the President of the Federated Republic of Brazil. During the ceremony, approximately seven



Six of the nine Washington Week III participants pose during a quiet moment in their busy week. Front row (left to right) are Claire Dober '82, Martha Lawlor '82 and Nancy Lord '82. Back row, John Krigbaum '82, Sloan Tyler '82 and Assistant Headmaster Chris Harlow.

feet in front of us, stood Vice-President George Bush, Secretary of State Alexander Haig, and many important Brazilian dignitaries. About ten feet in front of them, on a small platform, stood President Ronald Reagan and President Figueiredo of Brazil. Beyond the Presidents were several dozen representatives from the press. To their left, four military bands gathered to give a honorary salute to the two Presidents.

The ceremony featured speeches given by both presidents, who talked mainly about the two countries' relationships with one another. The encounter was the most extraordinary experience most of us had ever had.

The rest of the week was certainly no letdown from Wednesday's experience. It included meetings with Senator John Warner from Virginia, the President of the Export-Import Banks, and the chief Information Director of the FBI, along with a complete "special" tour of the FBI building. (This "special" tour included a brief stop in the FBI Forensic Laboratory where we learned how special FBI agents were analyzing evidence from a bean bag chair, scene of a gruesome killing.)

That Friday evening the highlight of our stay at the Homet's residence occurred when each member of the

group, including Mr. Harlow and Radar, was thrown one-by-one into the Homet's pool. Overall, I believe the entire group learned a great deal about our federal government and the complex processes of Washington D.C. Along with a great "vacation" in the sun, the warm generosity of Mrs. Homet and the incredible perseverance of Dan made Washington Week III an unforgettable experience and one which future Governor Dummer seniors should seek.

John P. Bushell, III '82



Alumni Association Prize Winner David Marglous '82 with Alumni Executive Committee Representative John English '82.



Morse Flag Winner Claire Dober '82.

Joy, sorrow.
Laughter, tears.
Anxiety, eagerness.
Sharing, receiving.
Expression, solitude.

Thoughtfulness, caring, loving, leaving, promising, missing, accomplishing, concern and emotion. These are the words that come to mind when one reflects on the 219th Commencement Exercises of Governor Dummer. Each of them was demonstrated at particular moments during the hectic final weeks of school. The following vignettes reflect some of those moments.

What alumnus will ever forget the joy of hurdling the stone wall behind the Mansion House following the Commencement Ceremonies? And why is it that no one ever gets trampled in that outburst of jubilation?

On the other hand the sorrow of knowing that your closest friend will be going to Northwestern in Chicago while you fight off the blizzards at St. Lawrence is deep, nevertheless gratifying because you know you have had a truly special friendship.

The laughter at the Senior Dinner when Mr. Mulligan described Mr. Evans chasing Wendy, Tinker and Cheemaun at 6:50 AM down by the

Farmhouse was spontaneous and warm, especially when Mr. Evans was observed in fits of laughter at the mimicking of himself. There were few dry eyes, however, in the Moseley Chapel at Baccalaureate when Claire Dober and Nancy Lord sang Claire's "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" or when the song "Friends" was played.

There is an omnipresent anxiety in every senior about what lies ahead. "Will I like my college?" "Can I ever make such close friends again?" At the same time there is an eagerness to face the challenges of the future, an anticipation that is unique to high school seniors.

The Class of 1982, in its final evaluation, shared a great deal of itself with the school, and both benefited greatly. The eight special prize winners all have given much of themselves, as had the class in rallying to support a couple of its troubled members. The plaudits received by individuals in this class were deserved, and it is a shame that more could not be recognized. Class President David Schwartz' speech to the Allies captured the essence of their sharing.

This class was one that expressed their emotions well. Many of this

year's seniors excelled in the performing arts and wrote and sang their feelings for each other and the school with an unabashed feeling. The Baccalaureate Service reflected their feelings of gratitude as did the lacrosse scoreboard presentation to Coaches Evans and Anderson for twenty-five years of unsurpassed excellence.

One's memory will always hold, however, that sense of solitude felt when one packs the last bag and is about to leave for the last time his dorm room, home for the last two years, with so many fond remembrances.

At Graduation there were many quietly thoughtful seniors, among them Alumni Prize winner David Marglous, who through the Community Service Program and their work on campus had shown their desire to help others. A broader caring for the well-being of the world was expressed by Boston Director of the Physicians for Social Responsibility, Dr. Paula Gutlove, in her Commencement address. As this was the tenth anniversary of the return of women to GDA, her presence and her message was fitting for a school striving to become more caring and more aware.



Michelle Montrone '82.

Mrs. Joy Mulligan in her Baccalaureate address touched on the rewards of having loving friends, on the difficulties in leaving them and on the opportunities to grow from shared and valued experiences. She urged this group not to ignore or neglect some very special rewards that are gained from growing up together and not to try to cover up the caring for each other that is sometimes so difficult to express when it is time to say good bye. The final days proved that the seniors had listened.

And there were the usual promises to write, the laurels to rest on, the toasts to be made and the good food to be eaten. A first-ever Commencement Eve dance on the quad was an unqualified success; the sunshine that broke through in the midst of the area's worst June rainstorm in memory was a God-send.

In all, it was a valuable Commencement for all who were fortunate enough to be a part of it. There were some poignant moments and some inspirational observations. It was simply a fitting occasion for the 219th strong group of GDA seniors.



Todd Darden '82.



Ambrose Speaking Prize winner Dave Schwartz '82 and Heather Vickers '82.

The following address was given by Karen McKinney '82 at the Senior Dinner on June 3, 1982. The Archon felt that its readers would be interested in the reflections of a member of a very special senior class.

We come to Governor Dummer away from home, most of us for the first time. Our heads are filled with fantastic notions and expectations of what we are about to enter. We are the innocent and the scared, timidly opening ourselves to our dreams. Yet, as graduation is now upon us, we, the Senior Class, find ourselves again asking "Why did we come here?" Of course we hear the standard responses—the sports, the education, to get into a good college. But do we really know? As I look around our school I see some of us striving towards these goals, but I see all of us, from students to faculty, searching for ourselves.

"The Logical Song" by Supertramp says:

"But then they sent me away to teach me how to be sensible, logical, responsible, practical

And they showed me a world where I could be so dependable, clinical, intellectual, cynical"

Who sent us? Who showed us? They, who are They? Parents, friends, faculty? No. It is our own insecurities. As people we will never stop searching for knowledge whether it be in texts or through some other form. As the song continues it reads:

"There are times when all the world's asleep

The questions run too deep for such a simple man.

Won't you please, please tell me what we've learned

I know it sounds absurd but please tell me who I am."

Who are we? Do we know now? Will we ever know? We have learned the fundamentals in English, Math, Languages, and Histories. We've learned how to think, study, and work. We have had responsibilities placed upon us, hopefully maturing us into young men and women who will leave to survive in a chaotic world.

Yet we leave as we arrived, filled with unbounded expectations and ready to take on the world. Protected by our small community, we are still scared, still innocent.

Then I ask, "Why should we come here?" The experiences we have shared with each other are invaluable. Relationships we have developed are ones that will last a lifetime. We have grown up since freshman year, when our main concern was the guy across the room; our sophomore year, and parties; junior year which brought pressure and concern about colleges. Now as Seniors, we are ready to move on and challenge the world, yet our devotion to this home where we grew up through our traumatic adolescence holds us back.

Maybe we will leave to attend college with the same fears as when we arrived, yet this time hopefully with a little more knowledge and confidence. Just remember that we are never expected to know who we are completely—for then what would be the purpose of life. Each day brings new experiences, brings us a little closer to others and ourselves.

Karen McKinney
Class of 1982

Reunion Weekend

There were many great moments during Reunion Weekend, held over Memorial Day weekend this year. In spite of rain, wind and cool temperatures over two hundred and seventy-five alumni, friends and family returned to the Academy for a warm welcome and a truly enjoyable time.

The weekend, in a number of ways, brought alumni in closer contact with Governor Dummer as it is today: for example, the "Cabaret" performance at the Thompson Arts Center displayed some truly remarkable student talent. The Academy's top musical students, including the cast from 'Godspell', performed classical, jazz, folk, electronic and contemporary music with an enthusiasm that caught many of the fifty or so alumni in attendance somewhat by surprise. "Those kids really showed love for what they were doing up there," remarked one alumnus, "and it was neat to see that." A reception following allowed the alumni to mix with the students, who found out a little bit about how good the Glee Club used to be.

Friday also saw the Classes of '32, '37, '47, '52, '67 and '77 gather at various locales around the greater Boston area. The most ingenious meeting was held by the Class of '77 which rented a boat and cruised through Boston Harbor for the evening.



Alumni Association President Sam Wakeman '61 presents the Alumnus of the Year Award to Don Palais '45.



Captains David Schwartz '82 and Bob Low '82 join Coaches Evans, Anderson and Mulligan '71 at the presentation of the commemorative scoreboard.

Intermittent rain and drizzle greeted the early risers on Saturday, yet twenty-five runners braved the weather and ran in the Second Reunion Pie Race. Ben Beach '67 won the race and finished in a virtual tie with Put Flint '37, who started walking halfway around the course in response to a challenge from the men of '67. Since it was so close, the wagers (Put's famous honey and Ben's Best Byfield Barbeque sauce) were exchanged anyway at the dinner.

The remainder of the morning activities featured an open discussion of the curriculum with Headmaster Jack Ragle and Assistant Headmaster Chris Harlow, a session on admissions at GDA led by Director of Admissions Mike Moonves, and an interesting and

enlightening Career Seminar in which five alumni spoke to and answered questions from over fifty GDA juniors and seniors. This has proved to be a valuable meeting for a number of students who are thinking about how their education can best be tailored to fit their career goals. Dr. Phillip Sawyer '43 (featured in an alumni profile on page 10) deserves special recognition for his efforts in spite of cancelled flights, an overnight stuck in Detroit and a record-breaking trip from Logan, to make it just in time for his vibrant presentation. The students certainly appreciated his comments as well as those of Ben Beach '67, George Randall '62, Pam McElroy '74 and Tracie Ackerman Fornaro '77.



The Class of '47 once again gathered for Reunion Weekend.



The Class of '72 had the weekend's biggest turnout.

The Alumni Association had its Annual Meeting and, led by President Sam Wakeman '61, adopted the new slate of officers. They heard of the tremendous progress made by the group in the last year. Headmaster Ragle expressed his appreciation to the Association for all of their work on behalf of the school and brought them up to date on the affairs of the school.

The annual Alumni Lacrosse game, which is always one of the more exciting and well-attended affairs of the day, provided one of the special moments at GDA this year. This season marked the Silver Anniversary of the coaching duo of Heb Evans and Bob Anderson. Almost 300 alumni who had played lacrosse at GDA, led by this year's co-captain Bob Low and the 1982 team, raised enough money for the purchase of a new scoreboard, with a commemorative sign attached to honor the work on and off the field of these two great men. In addition to the scoreboard and a prolonged standing ovation, two scrapbooks filled with letters from former players were given to the coaches. The ways in

which these coaches have helped so many young people are immeasurable and they are both so deserving of every honor given to them. Their team, however, was not nearly so polite, handing them a 17-13 setback. The women's lacrosse game, however, saw the alumnae win 6-2, with a larger group of women returning to play than usual.

Bill Sperry had a first annual track reunion of runners from the 1950's, but the weather, unfortunately, wreaked havoc upon his turnout. Next year he plans to have a reunion of the track lettermen from the sixties.

This year marked the 10th Anniversary of coeducation at GDA and seniors Alison Miller and Nancy Lord organized a panel to discuss how far the school has come and what it is doing to deal with women's issues and coeducation in general. Excerpts from that seminar are presented on page 12.

The cocktail party (held in the renovated Frost Library) and dinner/dance in Phillips drew large crowds of alumni and faculty. At the dinner (attended by 248 people) former

Alumni President Don Palais '45 was given the Alumnus of the Year Award for his dedicated service to the Academy as a class agent, Alumni President, parent of three GDA alumni and supporter par excellence of the school. There could not have been a more appropriate winner.

The State Street Ramblers continued the party with some lively jazz music to which between 150 and 200 people stayed to dance and listen in the Cobb Room.

Unfortunately, the alumni faculty softball game on Sunday was rained out, but a number of alumni enjoyed brunch in the dining hall. Next year the weekend (when the weather is better) will extend through Sunday.

In spite of "lousy" weather Reunion Weekend 1982 proved to be a rousing success. The Class of '72 had the largest turnout while the 50th, 35th and 15th Reunion Classes had extraordinary attendance. Next year on June 3, 4 and 5 GDA looks forward to having another tremendous group of enthusiastic alumni return.

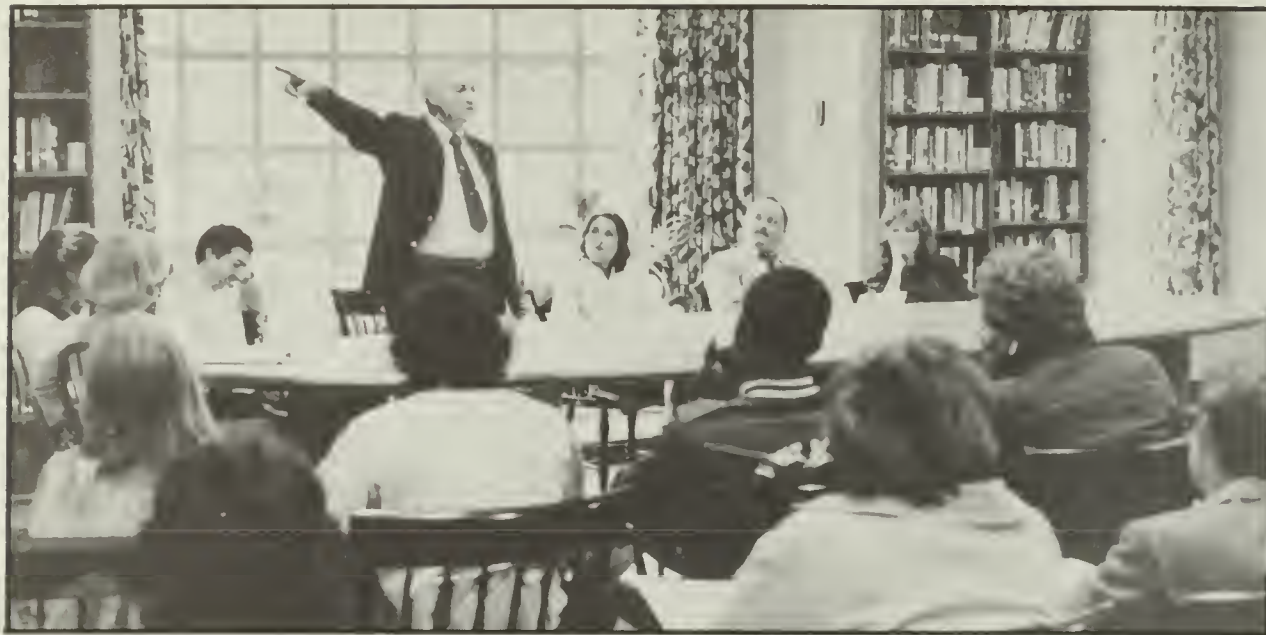


The 50th Reunion Class enjoyed their long awaited reunion in Byfield.



Mr. & Mrs. Lew Rumford '67 (right) with 15th Reunion Chairman Dan Morgan.

Alumni Profile — Dr. Philip Sawyer



How does one adequately describe a man who has worked twenty hours a day, seven days a week for the last thirty-eight years and loved every minute of it? One could describe him as a doctor (which he is), a teacher (he's that as well), a medical research pioneer (he has been that for years), a humanitarian, a writer, a scholar, a family man and an alumnus of Governor Dummer.

Dr. Phillip Sawyer '43 is a man of many insights, ideas and perceptions that come at anyone with whom he is talking in a rapid fire bombardment. The listener is left thoughtful, but at the same time wondering how so much knowledge and so many sound notions could come from one person so quickly. He is a brilliant man, blessed with a zeal for life and his life's work that few possess but that many envy.

In a short profile it is not easy to determine a starting point for a man who is Head of Vascular Surgical Services and Professor of Surgery at a leading medical center in New York, belongs to thirty-six professional societies, has written five books, has earned thirty-four scientific firsts, published three hundred and fifty medical and scientific articles, sits on the editorial board of three respected medical journals and is a consultant to the National Science Foundation.

Dr. Sawyer went through Harvard during the final years of World War II in two years, earning a degree in biochemistry. "I was fortunate enough to study under Dr. Ed Purcell and other Nobel Prize winners while I was at Harvard, and they provided me with the incentive and guidance to go into medicine," reflected the doctor. He then went to the University of Pennsylvania Medical School ("to get away

from home for a change") where in his third year he discovered that "we could solve medical problems by applying physical techniques to the biologic problems," and following his graduation in 1949 went into the service.

As a Lieutenant in the Medical Corps, he worked at the Naval Medical Research Institute with Dr. Jim Pate on vessel grafts. At the tender age of 24 he became, as he puts it, "the world's first bioelectric chemist." His time in the Navy resulted in a trip to Germany as a Ward Surgeon for eight months and a return to the NMRI. His work as a Principal Investigator for the Office of Naval Research, as well as for the National Institutes of Health and American Heart Association, continues today.

Dr. Sawyer went into surgery for a number of reasons. "I am the original Mr. Fix-it and a problem solver. I see surgery as artistic and sophisticated; through vascular and thoracic surgery one is able to design, create and experiment with a wide range of techniques and procedures. There are very few operations (if any) that are ever exactly the same, and that has kept it exciting for me, still, after all of these years."

He sees medicine as a career that "must have a conscience," but that doctors are increasingly becoming products of bioengineers and modern technology. "It is now increasingly difficult to maintain a relationship with medicine and at the same time be a renaissance man. There is so much new technology to learn and know that life is becoming tremendously complex."

Among his scientific firsts are two of which he is most proud: his invention of the vascular graft (which uses chemical tricks to keep blood from sticking to collagen) and his more recent development of a super hemostat

which produces clotting for diffuse bleeding and has allowed for more extensive surgery with hemophiliacs. The combination of chemical, biological and medical technologies in his work is outstanding in the field, and in spite of having lived the entire life of vascular surgery (there are five million miles of vessels in the human body) he remains committed to discovering new techniques and devices for surgery.

Because of his involvement in research and work for the government, he has also become increasingly aware of the peril that our new technology is putting the world in. "It is clear that we are living on the cliff as far as destroying the world, as we know it," observes Sawyer. "We must force government to do what is necessary for the social good which, to all of us, I think, means perpetuation of mankind. Those that can, technologically and politically, help achieve that perpetuation (especially those at NASA) should be supported to the fullest extent."

Dr. Sawyer's Governor Dummer career was a successful and valuable one. "My father died when I was 11," recalls Dr. Sawyer, "and my mother and I felt I needed strong teachers and role models. Ted Eames, the students, and the quality of the school impressed me, and my decision to come was one of the best I've ever made."

"GDA really gave me a sense of value concerning my worth to society. The teachers taught me to develop pride in what I did, and that I had a brain and ego that could be used to further each other. I ultimately strove to prove to my teachers that it was worth their while teaching me."

"Ben Stone, Art Sager and Mickey Harris all had very positive impacts on my life, and even though they are no longer at GDA the image of the school and what it stands for remains in my mind. My attendance at the Career Seminar on Reunion Day simply confirmed my belief in the value of the school and the fantastic opportunity the school has to get kids to understand what can and should be done with their lives and careers."

Dr. Sawyer's life of service is one that cannot be easily emulated or completely appreciated because of its complexity. There is certainly, however, his love for life, his dedication as teacher, humanitarian and doctor, and his caring for others to make him a man that sets a high standard of excellence for us all.

The dedication of The Milestone to her must have pleased Kittie Mercer. In the first place, it was a concrete expression of how deeply she had entered into the hearts and minds of the Governor Dummer community. And in the second place, it came from the students themselves. For her the Academy has always been people, not bricks and mortar. In all the time she has been here, the boys and girls, especially the one individual she was working with or talking to, were the school in its essence. Her strong focus on people did not mean that she was indifferent to the need for greater studio space and improved gallery facilities. These were important, and she would argue eloquently for them; but her students came first.

Students were the school, and all of them drew her interest; but her students were the boys in her dormitory or the girls and boys in her Studio Art classes. She would fly to their defense at any hint of unjustified criticism. Indeed, any appreciation of Kittie should come from one of them, who could express from personal experience the potent influence of her wide talent, her enthusiasm, and her singular devotion to each member of her class. However, Kittie's import to the Academy was hardly confined to the studio or even to her students.

Kittie's arrival on the Governor Dummer scene was a happy combination of serendipity and romance. In the spring vacation of 1940, Tom returned to his native Henderson, Kentucky, ostensibly for a family visit. He returned with an authentic example of the fabulous Southern Belle in the person of Kittie, who proceeded at once to bring light and cheer to a sometimes dour New England scene. For a couple of years the Mercers lived off campus; then they took over Duncan House. There Kittie began the first phase of her influence on the school community. Although the successive arrival of Carolyn, Tom, Jr., and John meant that the primary thrust of her interest and activity were directed toward her own family, she still found time and energy to devote to the boys in her house or corridor. She had an intense interest in contemporary literature, especially in poetry. Consequently the lively symposia in the Mercer living room after evening study has rounded out and complemented Tom's labors in the classroom. Boys who lived in



Mercer houses or corridors were always members of Kittie's extended family; she followed their fortunes and careers with complete interest and sympathy.

Kittie's devotion to painting was of long duration. She has studied in Henderson under Lyda Williams and later under Jack Garber, head of the Arts Department at the Lawrenceville School. As her own family moved on to the later school years and to college, she was able to devote more hours in developing the technique and mode in which she could best express her sensibilities. As time passed she was able to gather a body of material together for a series of exhibitions at the Institute for Contemporary Art and at the Addison Gallery at Andover—among other places. In more recent years she has deepened her experience and whetted her talent by a series of trips abroad with Tom.

It was wholly appropriate, then, that in 1967 Val Wilkie should ask her to head up the studio arts at Governor Dummer. Art courses had in the past been intermittent, depending upon the unusual interest of some faculty member. It was a very wise choice, because Kittie's efforts have met with spectacular success—as anyone who has attended a recent exhibition of students' work will attest. Over the years some fifty (more recently, sixty to seventy) students annually have been inspired to develop what was often an unsuspected or latent talent into a lifelong avocation at a high level of competence. The source of this accomplishment has been Kittie's enthusiasm, her skill in finding a student's strengths and concentrating on them, and her genuine personal in-

volvement in the progress of each individual.

In addition to her position as head of studio arts, Kittie has long been Curator of the Parsons Gallery. As Curator she has reached well beyond the Academy community to bring significant art and artists to the whole North Shore. Through her friendship and association with such distinguished painters as Waldo Pierce, John Stuart Curry, and Paul Stella, she has brought representative exhibitions of their work to the Gallery. The exhibits have not been confined to paintings. Photography, drawings, etchings, and sculpture have provided a broad spectrum of artistic endeavor. Indeed, she has made the Gallery a significant part of the cultural richness of the area.

The qualities which brought such signal achievement in the two previous phases of her life—her enthusiasm, her conviction that in all people there are rich lodes of undeveloped talent, and her loyalty and devotion to those around her—will hardly be lost as she enters the third phase. The leisure brought by retirement will enable her at last to give full expression to her ripened and mature skill. She will undoubtedly make the delighted discovery that like some of her students whom she has encouraged to explore new paths, fresh avenues will open for her. Her work with others has given her a host of grateful students and expectant friends. They will await, with the same certitude she taught them, the uninterrupted practice of that art to which she so admirably devoted herself. May all her future exhibitions be triumphs!

A. MacDonald Murphy

Coeducation at GDA:



Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes once said, "The great thing in this world is not so much where we are but in what direction we are moving." This simple message captures the essence of the program "Ten Years of Coeducation" at the Academy. Five outstanding guest speakers provided the audience with lively, personal accounts of where we've been, where we are today, and perhaps most importantly, in what direction we are headed.

Spirit, pride, esteem, good feeling about coeducation — call it what you will, was a common theme among the speakers and the audience during a question and answer period. Seniors Nancy Lord and Alison Miller effectively organized this most important meeting which provided a forum for reflections and planning.

Since 1972 we have seen a sense of positive purpose that now infuses our leadership in the school community. A solid start has been made during the initial decade, and a new climate is being generated to address the unresolved issues of the '80's. As with the Holmes quotation, Governor Dummer gives promise of renewed progress and achievement for both young men and young women.

Chris Harlow

On Reunion Day, May 29, a panel, plus moderator and Assistant Headmaster Chris Harlow, addressed a group of alumni and students in the Thompson Auditorium on the 10th Year Anniversary of Coeducation at GDA. Although there were a few girls at the Academy around the turn of the century, coeducation has become a much valued institution at the Academy and there is no doubt that the change has been for the better.

The following passages are excerpts from the speeches given by some of the panelists. Their composition reflects the diversity of people touched by the move to coeducation.

What have I found since my arrival at GDA this fall? I've found a school deeply interested in improving its academic, artistic, athletic, community standards, one willing to try new approaches, new policies to make our community stronger, happier. I've found interested and interesting students—many somewhat confused and frustrated by being a part of this movement onward and upward—and faculty members equally interested and interesting, and some equally frustrated with the slowness the process of becoming the best we can be or with the occasional and inevitable grappling (as sometimes we cannot help but do) for the means to those ends.

In all of this, of course the most important concern is for a unity of purpose and direction—and a willingness on everyone's part to commit to action. As Marge Piercy says in her poem "To Be of Use";

I want to be with people who submerge in the task, Who go into the fields to harvest and work in a row and pass the bag along, Who stand in the line and haul in their places, Who move in a common rhythm when the food must come in or the fire be put out . . . Who move things forward, who do what has to be done again and again.

But our finest, our most excellent work will not, cannot, be accomplished when inequities persist—whether those inequities fall along the lines of race or age or sex. When girls—students here—feel as many do, that they are getting short shrift (for example, in the allotment of playing fields or the distribution of woman dorm masters), or when they see so few—though I



think very fine—adult women role models in the faculty; when we know, as we do from the admissions office, the proportionately more qualified girls than boys that apply to the Academy, hear from other authorities that the school is working toward greater and broader academic excellence, and still the ratio of boys to girls remains the same; when we all can see that there are no women at the administrative level—with these very visible and seemingly persistent signs of stasis, there becomes less reward for girls and women here to do as Piercy suggests, to join that common rhythm—because in the first meaning of the word, it is NOT "Common"—it does not "belong equally."

I am hardly a raging feminist. Neither am I a pessimist. I believe, as I said before, that the Academy sincerely wants to be the best it can; and we are all here—faculty, students, administration, men and women—because we believe that (Piercy again) "the thing worth doing well done as a shape that satisfies, clean and evident." We believe in that final shape. But we haven't formed that shape yet; and we won't until we have altered whatever attitude underlines these facts—cast in numbers—that have drawn me to this place in this time. And I, for one, believe that my energies, invested here and united with those of the other members of this community will indeed have their reward in a better Governor Dummer.

Joy Sawyer Mulligan

A Ten Year Anniversary



GDA faces the 10th anniversary of its becoming co-educational. The ratio of males to females has established itself at 2:1, and it looks as if that's where it will stay.

The school seems to have adjusted itself to having a female population present, but has it adjusted itself enough? There are questions which come to mind such as "Will the girls ever have more than one locker room?" "Will they ever be able to move off the lower fields?" "Can we get more room for boarding girls on campus?" and finally "Can we get more female faculty at GDA?"

Some of these issues may seem trivial but to most of the women at Governor Dummer these questions are extremely important. The Women's Discussion Group was formed at the beginning of this past school year by Miss Betsy Clark and Cornelia Woodworth in an attempt to make the school community more aware of these issues. Many people thought the Women's Discussion Group was merely a group for women on campus to get together and complain about the school. In reality it was to offer support to those women at GDA who were tired of the inequities they felt they faced on the campus and in the community. The Women's Group was not anti-male; in fact, men were encouraged to attend the meetings.

On the whole, the Women's Group found a great deal of support coming from the male population at GDA because many had become more aware of some of the subtle, and not so subtle, problems the women had to face. It's going to take time for any major changes to take place; however, I believe that if the Women's Group and the GDA community work together as a whole, promising results will be achieved.

Martha Lawlor '82

The co-education movement started in the colleges in the early 60's, and like everything, good or bad, which is in vogue in colleges, it quickly made itself felt in the secondary schools. We in the Governor Dummer administration heard more and more about it at interscholastic meetings. Exeter made an exhaustive study, which it shared with us, of the philosophy and practice of co-education. The faculty and students discussed the subject formally and informally. The alumni were circularized. Parents kept asking when we were going to accept their daughters as well as their sons.

An overwhelming majority of all groups concerned favored going ahead with the idea, and in the fall of 1970 Jack Hosmer, then business manager, and I prepared a memorandum on the practicalities. Val Wilkie presented this to the Trustees at their winter meeting with a recommendation that Governor Dummer accept female day students for the fall of 1971. The trustees approved, and that fall saw the appearance of 24 intrepid girl pioneers.

My personal reactions and observations included the following. 1) There is not much difference between boys and girls in an admissions interview. Both are wary of Directors of Admissions. 2) Girls tend to be more careful about their personal appearance than boys. If you remember the ideals of male student attire and appearance in the early 70's you will agree that almost any change had to be for the better. The girls created a change that was better. 3) Girls on the average talk more easily and readily than boys and thereby add a dimension to classroom discussion. 4) Girls are people with whom it is perfectly possible for an aging faculty member to work and to form lasting friendships.

I was in favor of co-education at Governor Dummer in the beginning, and having seen it blossom, I am even more so today. Granted that, as other speakers have pointed out, there is much room for improvement in the program, I think of the progress of the last ten years and see no reason why it will not continue for the next ten—and more.

John Witherspoon
Faculty Member 1947-1980



Coming to GDA as one of the first girls was a challenge I accepted and enjoyed.

As anticipated with an all male institution, nervousness pervaded the campus in September when the new additions to the student body arrived—24 females. Not once, however, did I sense disgruntled attitudes among the faculty members or other students because of our arrival. Instead, I discovered an atmosphere of acceptance and encouragement for both male and female students.

It was quickly perceived that women could lead viable, rewarding and productive lives on campus. In certain areas that viability was realized more slowly than others but the progress was evident in many areas.

The arts were expanded considerably with the addition of female students and the Community Service Program was developed. Sooner than expected there was a woman Editor-in-Chief of The Governor and academic contributions were extensive and insightful. Athletically, the foundations were provided for today's excellent women's teams.

The Academy's decision to become coeducational was an important and beneficial one. The caring attitudes of those in the GDA Community taught me (and I am sure many others) to appreciate peers on the basis of their strength of character, regardless of sex, race or culture. The benefits of coeducation at GDA have been infinite and will continue to make GDA a school of excellence for young men and women.

Fiona Harris Lubbock '75

I've been happy with my first year as Director of Theater at Governor Dummer Academy. As I look back over the 1981-82 Season, I find myself happily impressed with the interest, the talent, the cooperation and—most of all—the receptiveness with which our theater program has been met by all members of the community.

Our first show, the Broadway adaptation of Bram Stoker's Dracula, was a "shot in the dark" for me. I had to choose a script and be ready to start rehearsal before I had even gotten a chance to meet the students who would be my actors! I lucked out. The students who auditioned were able to fill Dracula's cast list neatly. Bill Hutchinson played a dashing Harker, the young hero of the melodrama (Bill, a senior, made his stage debut here); Elea Kemler created the role of Lucy, the voluptuous would-be bride of the Count. Adam Hirshfield and Brandon Clark gave sensitive character interpretations of Drs. Seward and Van Helsing, with Rick Brown acting the masterful title role.

Our second show, Sixties rock musical Godspell, was an elating experience for, I venture to say, everyone involved. It was exuberant fun; even in the throes of hard work, the joy never faltered. Godspell featured the talented musical direction of Ms. Julie Soloway, an energetic veteran of GDA's dazzling music program, and the gifted choreography of Ms. Roechelle Smith, one of our sophomores, who has become a leader in the dance at the Academy. Everyone auditioning for Godspell had to exhibit talent in all three areas: voice, acting, dance. Choosing a cast of sixteen from almost three times that number was no easy job—but we came up with such an energetic and talented ensemble that they surprised even me.

I want to talk a bit about our approach to Godspell. The actual cast list calls for about half the number of ac-



Barbara Mackay-Smith in 'Godspell'.

tors we ended up using. (After all, we wanted to give as many people the chance to get up there as we possibly could.) We had to edit, shuffle, adapt the script. I assure you that this production of Godspell was unique.

The "roles" were not terribly well defined in the conventional sense. Jim Taormina played the "John the Baptist/Judas character; John Krigbaum, Jesus (which won him the Best Thespian award). But the rest of the actors had no specific, realistic "characters." Rather, they formed an ensemble. Each played himself or herself to a degree and, at the same time, had to snap into and out of a variety of characters in a number of stories that make up Godspell. It was a challenge, but a happy one. Without the closeness of the actors, on and off-stage, no such "ensemble" could ever have been so successful. Godspell was



Melissa Huffsmith '85 and Andy Frederick '82 in 'The Plaza Suite' by Neil Simon.

a joy for me to experience.

The final show of the year is traditionally directed by a GDA senior as a Spring Term Project. This year Brandon Clark assembled three one-acts under the title "Love Through the Ages": Chekhov's "The Marriage Proposal" (a stylized comedy of pre-Revolutionary Russia), "Visitors

from Mamaronek" (from Neil Simon's Plaza Suite), and "I'm Herbert" (an amusing Robert Anderson play concerning a much-married old couple). The production was received with great acclaim for both actors and first-time director, Brandon.

Theatre at GDA has grown in other ways besides the three major productions. Our public relations people have succeeded in getting more audience members from outside the GDA community (about one-third of the audiences that gave standing ovations to Godspell were not from here). Eight new members were inducted into the International Thespians. The Newburyport Theatre and Children's Theatre have both developed ties with GDA, performing their shows at the Thompson Art Center and offering workshops to GDA students. We've increased the number of performances of our productions.

I have had, as Drama Director, a satisfying year. For the near future? I'd like to see even more people auditioning and attending. I'd like to see younger actors and technicians become involved. I'd like to see more "theater space," places for costumes, properties, equipment that we may call "our own". I'd like to see some actual courses in theater being taught. Most of all, I would like to imbue the GDA theater program with a sense of self-worth, of professionalism, if you will, on everyone's part. That's the thing to go for right now.

Dr. Lawrence Tretler
Director, Theater Arts Program

Planning for Governor Dummer Academy's Future Art Center

Statement of Philosophy

"The Academy sees itself as a relatively structured college-preparatory school focusing initially upon basic study skills and basic subject areas—the verbal and linguistic, the mathematical and scientific, and the historical. As its students progress through the school, it aims to teach and to challenge them to think, to imagine, to analyze, that ultimately they may learn to cope in a complex world. In working toward these ends, the Academy recognizes the integral roles of the spiritual, of the arts, and of participation in athletics.

The school seeks to admit students for whom there is evidence that its program is appropriate. It strives to understand, to challenge, and to develop each student as an individual. It endeavors to encourage sensitivity to the rights of others, personal responsibility, and teamwork.

The ultimate goal is to develop graduates who have gained insight into themselves and their abilities, who care about other people, and who will contribute to their communities."

In his report to the accreditation committee of the Commission on Independent Schools, New England Association of Schools and Colleges, in preparation for the Academy's ten-year accreditation review in June 1980, Headmaster John W. Ragle prepared, in concert with the Board of Trustees and faculty, the "Statement of Philosophy" as printed here.

In that report, Mr. Ragle continued: "It appears clear that periodically over the decades, through more than two



Drawing by Jillian Demeri '82.

centuries, the purposes and objectives have undergone scrutiny. While Greek has disappeared entirely from the curriculum, replaced by various 'useful liberal arts and sciences,' hard work, respect for learning, and a sense of responsibility to self and to the community have remained at the core."

In a recent alumni questionnaire, alumni were asked their opinions about the curriculum while they were students as it helped them prepare for their future. Their overwhelming response stressed maintaining the traditional academic disciplines which made the Academy strong in the first place—literature, writing, mathematics, sciences, languages, the arts and athletics.

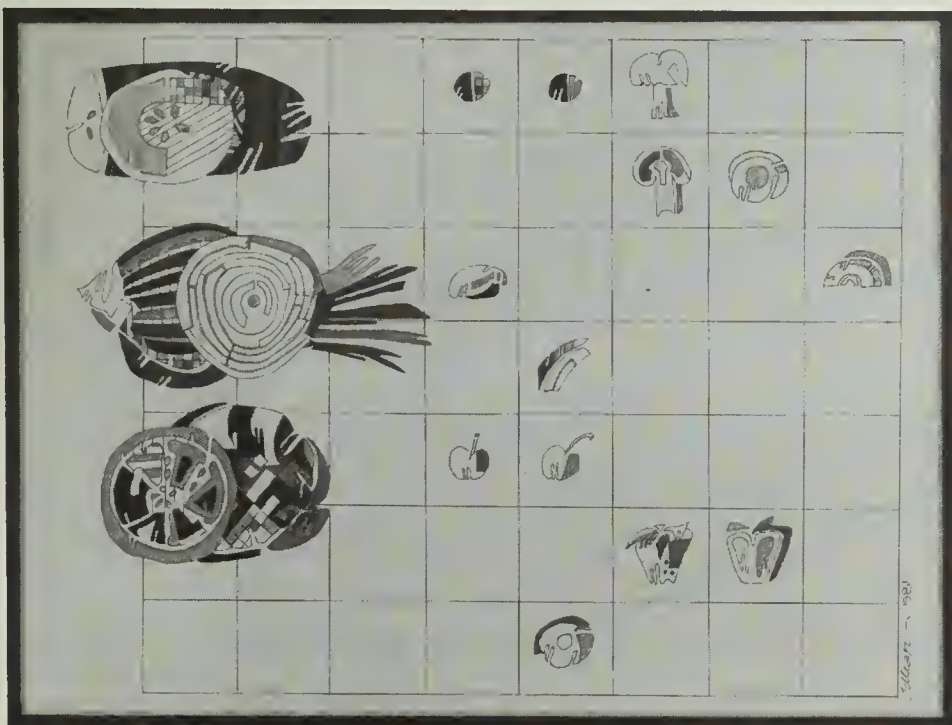
Yes, alumni stressed the importance of a strong overall arts program, as did Mr. Ragle in outlining the educational philosophy of Governor Dummer Academy.

As the 1980's began, the Academy was half-way through a capital campaign: "Milestones," which has turned out to be the most successful capital effort in the history of the Academy with more than \$2 million in gifts and pledges received. Yet because of increasing construction costs and inflation, one of the goals, the only one not fully funded at this time, is the long sought-after renovation of the "Stone Garage" into the new visual arts center. We can not rest our capital fund-raising efforts until the monies to convert this building to a first-class art facility encompassing the studios, gallery and photography lab are committed. To date, \$100,000 is pledged towards the projected cost of \$250,000.

Those alumni, parents and friends familiar with our current art facilities know that the program is housed in two buildings on opposite ends of the campus—the gallery and photography lab in Parsons Schoolhouse and the studio in the basement of the Thompson Center for the Performing Arts. Those familiar with the program know also that the program is circumscribed by the math, computer and language classrooms in Parsons, and music and drama in the Thompson Center.

The Academy is committed to begin final design and construction as soon as the money is raised: Let there be no doubt in anyone's mind about this commitment!

Alumni, parents and friends who would like the Academy to complete the art center are invited and encouraged to respond. If there ever was a time to help meet and invest in a need, now is that time.



Drawing by Jillian Demeri '82.

Spring Sports

Men's Lacrosse Marks Silver Anniversary with Strong Season

In this, the 25th year that Heb Evans and Bob Anderson have been guiding the lacrosse team, the laxmen provided another season of exciting and successful lacrosse. Finishing with an eight win, five loss record the team gave their coaches some incredibly exciting moments.

The win against a previously undefeated Andover team 9-8 was one of the closest and well-played games on Morse Field in a number of years. The 17-13 win over the alumni on a rain-soaked afternoon showed the strength of an attack that had three of the top four scorers in the league in MVP Ted Larned '82 (34 goals, 45 points), Chris Laganas '83 (55 points) and Co-Captain Dave Schwartz '82 (41 points). Dave Hoffman '83 and Co-Captain Bob Low '82 led the attack from the midfield. The Senior Lacrosse Trophy went to Bill Dee and Larry Soule for their significant contributions to the team this year in spite of not seeing a lot of game time.

Finally, the effort of Bob Low, the 1982 team and the alumni to honor the coaches with a new scoreboard and scrapbooks was one of those special moments that will be etched for years to come in the minds of those who were at the presentation. It was a fine way to honor two men who have done so much for so many.

Women's Tennis Joins I.S.L.

In its first season playing in the Independent School League, the women's tennis team met some tough opposition. "The ISL is filled with nationally and New England ranked players who provided us with consistently top notch competition," commented Coach Dudley Cleghorn. The record of only one win and one tie did not, however, reflect the success of the team according to the coach.

"For a few of our players this was their first experience with quality competition and it was very heartening for all of us to see the incredible improvement and good spirit shown throughout the season. This was a team filled with determination and good sportsmanship."

Team captain Alison Miller '82 expressed thanks to the parents who raised the funds to resurface the Farmhouse courts and to the coach and team for an enjoyable season.



Anna Hill '85 runs away from Brooks.

Golfers Take Witherspoon Cup

With a seven win, one tie record the golf team once again captured the John Witherspoon Cup from Andover and Exeter and took the ISL Championship. Mark Nichols '82 finished the year undefeated, and number one player, MVP and Captain Scott



Leading Scorer Chris Laganas '83 looks for a teammate against Nobles.

Women's Lacrosse Has Tight Season

This year's women's lacrosse team, hurt by the loss of many players off last year's outstanding team, had a "frustrating" season finishing with a record of 4-5-4 and a sixth place finish in the ISL. This fairly young team showed a great deal of growth and improvement over the course of the season and, according to Coach Betsy Clark, was a great group of players to work with.

Co-captains Jill Demeri '82 and Erican Norton '82 characterized this team as "one that had a lot of fun but at the same time worked hard together." The most exciting moment of the season came at archrival St. George's field when the Governors overcame a seven goal deficit in the closing minutes to tie the game and avenge last year's controversial loss.

Leading scorer Cornelia Woodworth '82 was voted All-League and the League's "smartest" center. Becca Lapham '83 was All-League Honorable Mention. Erica Norton '82 was voted MVP for her strong play, spirit and conscientious nature.

Maguire, finished with only two losses. Coach McDonald commented on the fine playing and team unity that were displayed over the course of the season. With Dan McLaughlin '83 as next year's captain, along with once beaten Rick Stram '83, next year promises to be just as good as the last two.

Men's Tennis Shows Improvement

With nationally ranked Steve Nicholson '83 leading the way, the men's tennis team finished with a six win, five loss league record and eighth place finish in the sixteen team league. Coach Wally Rowe characterized this squad as "a pleasant and hard-working group that showed improvement and good spirit throughout the season."

There were some strong players at the top of the team this year with Nicholson as the top singles player in the league. Marshall Rowe '82 was voted All-League as was Captain Jerome Sweeney '82, who was characterized as a "devoted and serious captain and player" by the coach.

Men's Track Employs Team Concept

Coach Ed Rybicki summarized his 1982 track season perfectly by saying "This is an individual sport, yet we had a great team." By finishing third in New England the team showed depth, pride and commitment in continuing the tradition of great track at GDA.

With a five win, two loss dual meet record, the team set two school records (Andre LaFleur '83 in the high jump and triple jump) and tied two others (Todd Darden '82 in the 100 yard dash and the 440 relay team). School records were approached by undersclassmen in the mile relay, long jump and pole vault. The team MVP was Andre LaFleur '83 whose versatility in the field and running events made him the leading scorer as well as, on occasion, winner of four events in a single meet. Gilbert Distance Award winner Greg Skaff '83 and Chris Ginsberg '83 will join LaFleur as captains of an '83 team that will lose only three runners from this year.

On behalf of the 1982 Cross Country team, I extend a cordial invitation to all alumni to run our scenic and challenging 5k (3.1 mile) course and honor the members of the 1972 team and its coach, Mike True, whose team won the ISL's, tied for 1st in the New England's, and posted an 11-1 record.

Saturday, 25 September
at 1 P.M. sharp
Noon-course walk
Reception to follow race.
In the spirit of running,
Dave Abusamara
GDA Cross Country Coach



Tennis Captain Jerome Sweeney '82.



Todd Darden '82 and Brice Massey '82 combine for another relay victory.



Kevin Cryts '83.

Women's Track Succeeds in New England

A series of superb performances by the women's track team at the Interscholastics meet at Suffield Academy carried them to a second place finish. MVP Kathy Lambert '84 led the charge with victories in the 300 meter and 100 meter hurdles and with the fastest leg on the school record-shattering (by eleven seconds) mile relay team. Other members of that relay team were Ann Sperry '83, Alison Hagstrom '84 and Liz Hanson '84. Sarah Bradshaw '83 led the undefeated (in dual meets) weight throwers with a school record in the discus. Barbara Mackay-Smith made an important contribution in the Interscholastics with a win in the high jump.

With a four win, two loss dual meet record the team showed overall strength, but not quite enough depth. Captain Ann Rooney '82 won the Gilbert Distance Award for her outstanding season.

Baseball Squad's Inexperience Hurts

Coach Mike Moonves' ballclub had a difficult spring, hampered by a lack of varsity level experience and a late start due to the April blizzard. Finishing with a two win and eleven loss record, the team was plagued by a lack of timely hitting. "We were in just about every ballgame," commented Moonves, "but with seven first-year varsity players our youth and inexperience hurt us."

Captain and starting pitcher Charlie Sullivan '82 was chosen the team's most valuable player because of his hustle, desire and love of the sport. He was an All-League Honorable Mention player and he was pleased that "the team kept working and hustling right through the season."

In Memoriam

PETER C. CLUTE, GDA, Class of '69, age 31, died unexpectedly on June 4, 1982 at his home in Utica, New York.

From Hingham, Massachusetts, Peter was the assistant principal of the Whitesboro Central School, Whitesboro, NY, and on July 1 would have started work as principal of the Schalmont Middle School in Rotterdam, NY.

During his two years at Whitesboro, he founded the "Student of the Month Hall of Fame," conducted many workshops and was assistant lacrosse coach.

Earlier, he taught for three years at the Deerfield School, Cohasset, Mass., and coached wrestling at Norwell High School, Norwell, Mass.

He was born in Hyannis, Mass., in 1950, attended Derby Academy in Hingham and was graduated from GDA in 1969 and Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Ill.

He received his master's degree from Columbia University Teacher's College, New York City and was a PhD candidate and research assistant at the Horace Mann-Lincoln Institute of Columbia University.

He leaves his parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clute of Hingham and a brother H. Merrill, GDA '74, of Branford, Connecticut.

'27

Continuing his crusade of embarrassment for us members of the Rocking Chair A.C. **GEORGE HALEY** writes from New Brunswick, "Mowing lawns and digging."

'30

Asked what he is doing, **ART FULLER** replies, "Too much," and adds, "What a change since my campus days! Though I did make my letter in hockey, my chief sport was liaison officer between the Girls Friendly Society of Newburyport and my buddies at GDA. Times have changed: the girls seem to be right on campus now. That's progress!"

'32

Some members of the Fiftieth Reunion Class returned to Byfield on Friday evening May 28 for cocktails and a buffet dinner with Kittie and Tom Mercer. Present to exchange reminiscences (mostly apocryphal) were **JACK** and **FLORENCE CUSHMAN** (CA), **TERRY** and **HELEN STAPLES** (NY), **MIKE GOVE** (NH), **MARTIN GOWDEY** (MA), **JOHN HEALY** (MD), and **KARL WOOLF** (CT). Sending regrets that they could not attend the dinner and greetings to their classmates were **CHARLIE CADDOD** (FL), **GUS CONANT** (MA), **BILL JOHNSON** (CA), **STAN LEVIN** (CT), **MARSHALL SARGENT** (ME), and **EVERETT SMITH** (OH). On Saturday the 29th, however, Marshall and Stan, bringing

wives Dot and Lois, joined their classmates; and Stan, as if to make amends for his dereliction of the night before, brought also with him son **ADAM** '70 and his wife. During a day of friendships reaffirmed, a good many tall stories managed to get themselves told, a good many long-kept secrets revealed themselves at last, and a good many cherished memories, thought dormant for half a century, found themselves happily revived and pleasantly shared.

JACK CUSHMAN tells the *Archon*, "One year ago my wife and I moved from Montclair, NJ, where we had lived since we were two years old, to California to be near our three sons and eight grandchildren. Still playing golf four or five times a week and doing a good deal of traveling," says Captain Jack of GDA's 1932 Golf Team.

'36

From **JIM ADAMS** comes the happy news that he is fully retired and adds, "If possible, please let me know where **ART STRENGE** can be located." If any of our readers can solve the strange silence of **STRENGE**, the *Archon* will gladly forward the information to Jim.

'37

Well girded against recession, **EMERSON KIRBY** recently wrote to **PUTNAM FLINT** about his newest business venture, Guilford Gravure: "It is an old-time Connecticut tradition printer (since 1874). Our plant prints and die-cuts multi-color packaging labels for the liquor, drug, food, household, cigar, cigarette, tea industries, etc. Such 'little' corporations as Heublein, Bristol-Myers, Lorillard, Cheeseborough-Pond, Lipton Tea, and others. Recession Proof!" But all is not business in the Kirby household, for Emerson adds that his son Peter will probably be married in Milan, Italy, in late August or early September and happily concludes with "Looks like we'll be traveling again soon!"

Four members of the illustrious Class of '37 gathered for one of Dottie Flint's dinners

extraordinaire on the evening before Reunion Day. **OLIE OLSEN**, **DICK SCHANZLE**, **EMERSON KIRBY**, and naturally, **PUT FLINT** "reunited" with great fervor and prepared Put for his assault on the Pie Race course the next morning. After having finished in a virtual dead heat with Ben Beach '67 (with a special handicap), the *Archon* wonders if he shouldn't have had a little more of his special honey for breakfast.

ALLEN DODGE of Newburyport was also in attendance on Reunion Day.

CHARLES SOMERBY, JR. in response to the *Archon's* query to tell us 'what you're doing,' replied succinctly from Florida, "retired."

'39

"Retired and enjoying every minute of it!" responds **WINDSOR FROST** from Weston with evident satisfaction. "As a Past Commander of a local unit of the United States Power Squadron, I remain active in lecturing on Safe Boating. I am current treasurer of the Minute Man Section of Mercedes-Benz Club of America. Ours is approaching antique vintage: a 1929 220 SE convertible in near mint condition with but 36,000 original miles. The youngest of our four daughters is about to finish her sophomore year at Brown."

Riskily taking to the open sea without having heard Windsor's lecture above on Safe Boating, **PHILIP SIMPSON** writes from Florida, "Sailing a 42' Grand Banks Trawler, just recently purchased, from Ft. Myers, FL, to Bath, ME, starting May 3rd."

'41

That he is Chairman of American Studies at Cornell University reports **CUSHING STROUT** and adds that his oldest son, Nathaniel, apparently following paternal example, is teaching at Hamilton College and 'has made me a grandfather, but one who still plays tennis avidly with better scores than when I captained the Governor's team, which may have 'built character,' but only by losing so often (so Buster Navins assured me)."



The Challenge went right to the wire for Put Flint '37 and Ben Beach '67.

'42

The Class of '42 had a mini-reunion at the Academy over Reunion Weekend. **DEREK LAGEMANN** was on campus for the entire weekend from his home on Long Island. Class Chairman **DR. WILLIAM HILL** came up from Naugatuck, CT to lead the revelry of the class. **JOHN CHAPMAN** made the trek from Akron, Ohio to see the old school while **DAVE JARVIS** didn't have all that far to come as he remains a loyal Massachusetts resident. These gentlemen look forward to a bigger and better turnout for the 45th Reunion five years hence.

ED STITT writes that he is still living in sunny Florida as a "Head-Hunter." He is not quite semi-retired but, as he modestly puts it, "I'm well on the way."

'44

Of a satisfying change of venue, **HOMER GIBBS** tells us, "After thirty years with Norton Co., the last twenty-one in Miami, FL, as sales representative, I took early retirement and bought an old house eight miles east of Vicksburg (which is where my wife Jamie grew up). We have two sons, one at the University of Southern Mississippi, the other in high school here in Warren County, which is top-notch. I still do a little industrial sales for a small firm headquartered in Memphis, and Jamie teaches tennis. A much different life from the helter-skelter, high-crime, dope situation in Miami!"

'45

Still associated with Barnard Real Estate of Worcester, MA, **DAVID BARNARD** submits the following news of his family. "My first child, Carolyn, is married to Michael Peterson, who is with Mass Electric, and they have one child, Tenley. My second, Craig, is Vice President of Harold Cabot & Co. of Boston; and he lives in Winchester. Christopher, my third, has his own company in Boston, the Christopher

P. Barnard Co.; and he lives in Shrewsbury. Curtis, my fourth, is with the Union Mutual Insurance Co. of Portland, ME." How nice for Dave that all Barnards are within easy hail!

RALPH WEBB is working for Babcock and Wilcox of Alliance, OH. He has a daughter going for her Master's in Accounting and a son who is a sophomore in high school.

TOM BROWNE reports that he is still working in real estate on Cape Cod and has offices in Orleans and Truro.

DON PALAIS, longtime class agent extraordinaire was awarded the 1982 GDA Alumnus of the Year Award on Reunion Day.

'47

The Class of '47, led by the intrepid Reunion Chairman **HENRY DUNKER** and his Reunion Committee, once again had a smashing reunion, this time to celebrate the 35th anniversary of their graduation. **JOSIAH WELCH** and his wife hosted a sumptuous dinner for Henry Dunker and friend Carolyn Meyer, **JACK DEERING** and his wife, **ED ROGERS** and his wife (who attended their son Steve's graduation from Bowdoin the next day), **ED CARTWRIGHT** and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. **PETER HILL**, Mr. and Mrs. **PETER SUTTON**, Mr. and Mrs. **BILL BAILEY** and Mr. and Mrs. **DAN HALL**. They then attended the musical performance at Thompson Auditorium.

Following a hectic Reunion Day at the Academy, the group reassembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **PETER SUTTON** for Sunday brunch. **JIM KNOTT** joined the group for this grand event and Mr. and Mrs. **ART SAGER** were the guests of honor.

In sum, another smashing reunion for one of GDA's most loyal classes.

'48

BILL DAY brings us up-to-date on his busy life by reporting that he retired as a Lt. Col. from the U.S. Air Force in 1977 and then began training as a salesman for Wes Johnson's Insurance Service. He is presently a limited partner and manager of the Vista, CA office with duties including recruiting personnel and training of new and experienced Life/Disability agents. Always a man of ambitious goals, Bill informs us that he is shooting to have the largest Life and Disability Agency in the Southwest. He concludes by wishing good luck to all at the Academy and we, in turn, wish him all the best in his latest adventures.

'49

"The church I serve," reports **ALLEN HOLLIS**, "Union Congregational (West Palm Beach, FL) has recently installed one of the largest single stained-glass windows in the country, forming an entire sidewall of the sanctuary, 75' long and 27' high." The *Archon* hastens to assure Allen that no church in Byfield is going to challenge that window's expanse.

'51

Checking in with news of his oldest and his youngest, **ED LAWSON** says, "My oldest daughter graduates from Texas Tech University in Chemistry and Microbiology with five years on the Dean's list. My youngest, a son, just received his Eagle Scout Award. GDA still provides fond memories."

'52

The *Archon* has learned with great satisfaction but little surprise that **FRED BOWDEN** is President and Owner of Arbeka Webbing Company of Pawtucket, RI.

The Class of '52, now spread out all over the country, had six members return for Reunion Weekend. **FRANKLIN HUNTRESS**, **ALAN STARENSIAR**, **PETER REMIS** and **ED CARTER** gathered for dinner in Newburyport Friday night and then attended the musical program at the Thompson Auditorium. **HOWARD QUIMBY** (Whitesboro, NY) and **FRED BOWDEN** (Barrington, RI) attended Saturday's festivities. Howard's son Peter will be attending the Academy beginning in September, 1982.

Proving perhaps that the more things change the more they remain the same, **ED CARTER** recently sent us a color photograph showing him engaged in apparently amiable conversation with **MATTY GROSSMAN** and clutching a king-sized beaker of Bud.



The Start of the Second Annual Reunion Run and Pie Race.



Jeff Williams, Skip Dickerson, Mr. & Mrs. Gale French and Walter Herrick gather for their 25th Reunion.

'53

GEORGE BOWDEN has recently formed Bowden Associates, Inc., in Duxbury, a company dealing with personal and executive Computer Sales and Programs. Alumni in dire need of assistance can write him at 19 Depot Street, Duxbury, MA 02332; or if the matter is more urgent, George can be called at (617) 934-0555.

"I'm too busy," declares MARC LOWELL from Chester, NH, "what with my business, the Fire Department, my selectman's responsibilities, and now Building Inspector in town. Gus is just finishing up his sophomore year at M.I.T., and Dana his freshman year at Princeton. Marita keeps busy as assistant supervisor at the County Nursing Home in Brentwood; so, all in all, it's hectic."

'54

JOHN HARDY is the Eastern Regional Sales Manager for Rule Industries, makers of the world-famous Rule boat pumps. Bringing us up-to-date on his Rhode Island family, he writes as follows: "One son (25) is working the management ladder for the Marriott Hotel chain in Hawaii; another son (23) is attending Roger Williams School of Architecture and getting married in August '82; still another son (19) is attending Dean Junior College. So goes the family."

Of his wife and himself DAVE MOORE informs us, "Ren and I are still busy raising two children: Daniel, age nine, and Damon, age five. Currently I am employed as a Human Factors Psychologist in Bell Laboratories' Human Performance Engineering Center at Princeton, NJ. The work entails behavioral science R & D as it is related to the deployment of business systems and operations centers throughout the Bell System. Ren is currently substitute teaching in the E. Windsor Township school system and developing her business skills to enter the job market within the next year or two. My best to the Class of '54."

'55

Speaking of the active life, how's this from PAUL O'BRIEN? "I have a very small trucking company and drive one of the trucks, primarily from California to Maine."

'57

"This year," report NED STONE, "I am working as a Physicist at the Naval Reserve Lab in Washington, DC."

The 25th Reunion Class gathered in Byfield over Reunion Weekend for a warm and welcome gathering. WALTER HERRICK traveled from San Francisco and joined two other alumni as having traveled the furthest distance for their reunion. GALE FRENCH and his wife made it up from Belchertown, MA for the day as did JEFF WILLIAMS from Dover, MA. MAX ULE came up from New York, where he is involved with a new company developing computer software for brokerage firms. SKIP DICKERSON made the trip from Quakertown, PA, where he still works for Bethlehem Steel. Finally, BILL MATHEWS made it over from his home in Marblehead.

B. HARDY BEDFORD is married with three children, Michelle, 16, Alipsa, 14, and Trip (B. Hardy III), 10 and is working in Grand Haven, MI, (home of the world famous musical fountain) operating a marina with his brother. To bring us completely up-to-date, he reports that following his graduation from Colgate he spent three years in the Navy and then worked briefly for Kraft Foods. He has been in the marina business since '65.

GALE FRENCH is the Aircraft Operations officer for Air Force Reserve Aircraft at Westover AFB in Chicopee, MA. He relates, "This summer we'll be sending the C123s to the boneyard in Tuscon, AZ and replacing them with 16 C130E model aircraft which have a 4000 mile range. My position as an Air Reserve technician is a civil service one and a Lt. Col. Reserve position. If anyone is ever in the Amherst area I'm half owner of the Amherst Motel, which is one half mile from the U. Mass campus."

'58

WAYNE HOCKMEYER was featured in a short segment on ABC's American Sportsman on June 13. He runs a business called Northern Whitewater Expeditions in Maine which takes anyone with enough courage down the whitewater of the Kennebec and other Maine rivers. He has also been mentioned in Sports Illustrated for his success in this adventure.

To Stu and Ben in the Development Office, HARVEY HAYDEN sent the following fleeting message: "See you at the ball game on May 29. I have to fly at 6:00 P.M. that Saturday, so I can't stay around for extra innings." Neither did anyone else; in fact, no innings at all. Rained out.

"What fun it was at the San Francisco gathering!" writes JIM MAIN. "Claudette and I enjoyed seeing everyone again and look forward to my 25th in Byfield next year. Thanks for the books and ties. We're still traveling all over. Just got back from two weeks in Japan and a week in Hong Kong."

'59

JIM FOLEY writes, "I finally convinced Mac Murphy that he would be well-advised to spend a week-end birding on Martha's Vineyard. We went with the Brookline Bird Club over the long Memorial Day week-end and ended up with over 90 different species. To make things even better, Mac ended up with 5 life birds. A lousy weekend for vacationers but especially good for birding."

In answer to what he's doing, RICK FRIEND replies, "Still making burgers, still motorcycling, still spending summers on Lake Winnepesaukee, not still having kids (Amanda 8, Galen 4). Still married to cute little Gretchen. Active in Community: Newton Arts Center, Norumbega Council (B.S.A.), Fund for the Arts, and President of McDonald's."

DR. KENNETH WOLF reports that he is the chief of the Department of Ophthalmology at the Central Maine Medical center. He recently authored the book *Eyewise*, a patient education paperback published by Harper and Row in New York.

'60

NORMAN KALAT, JR., is the Plant Manager for Digital Equipment Corporation in Albuquerque, NM.

During a 1982 sabbatical, LARRY MARTIN studied the last days of French military action in Indochina and spent some time at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University, for research in original military records on the subject. He was recently appointed Associate Dean of Faculty at Hampden-Sydney College, Virginia.

Checking in from Peoria with the following news, some bad, most good, is **GREG MEYER**: "It's only a few days from Easter, and we have just had one of our largest snow blizzards—broke all records, in fact. I'm still holding down two jobs: President of F. Meyer Supply Co. and V. President of Meyer Heating and Air Conditioning. My daughter Tamara is now ten years old, and my son Frank L. Meyer, III, is almost fourteen. Hopefully he may attend GDA soon. I'm still playing active tennis and basketball." (Ed. Note: In shoes that match, Greg?)

'61

PETER BOYNTON tells us that he continues as a Senior Program officer at the Academy for Educational Development, Inc., working on planning and management of educational development projects in less developed countries. Concerning the good life, he reports, "Recreational activities are looking up with the recent acquisition of a 27' Catalina, kept at Solomon's Island, MD."

'62

Reunion Chairman **DENIS GOLDEN** exclaimed during the cocktail party on Reunion Day, "We may not have the most guys back, but I'll bet we've got more pounds back than any other class!" Sure enough, the Class of '62 has succeeded in putting on a pound or two in the last twenty years.

Back for the Reunion (listed in order of registration, not weight) were **GAR RANDALL, ANDY WHITTEMORE, COLIN STUDDS, BOB SNYDER, JOHN DAVAGIAN, ED KLEVEN, TIM McNALLY** and **PETER BUTLER**. Led by the man who is always up for a good time a number of the lads from '62 were even seen to be kicking up a little dust at the dance that Saturday night.

'63

"Mayor of Chatham Township (NJ)" writes **JEFF TAYLOR**, "and Manager of Development Services for Cushman and Wakefield in New York City."



Ben Beach, Bill Alfond, Dan Morgan, Mike Miles, Chuck Davis and Carol Beach, all Class of '67 after the Reunion Pie Race.

'64

Comes this happy note from the New Father Flotilla's **JOE STEVENS**: "First son, Zachary John Stevens, born 12-22-81. Great to speak with **JOHN MERCER** during the Phonathon."

'65

And Proud Father **SCOTT MAGRANE** also reports, "Lynn and I have a daughter, Susannah Holl Magrane, born September 4, 1981."

GARRET LEAHEY was married to Isabel Wadsworth on February 6, 1982 in Cambridge, MA. The happy couple is now residing in Los Angeles where he is active in the long term real estate finance business working with developers and pension funds. He closes by urging "any classmates or friends in the area please call."

'66

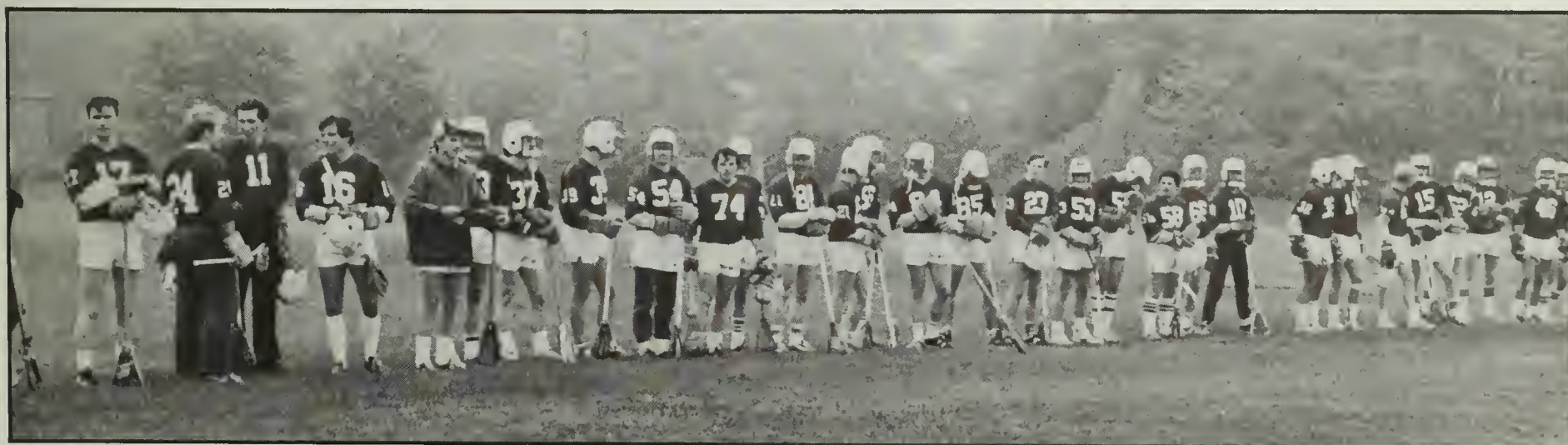
A brief message from **JAMES KEELER** in Louisville, where he is employed in the Plastics Operations division of General Electric Co., says that he is looking forward to the Kentucky Derby, when that town goes wild with Pegasus parties. Recollecting with some distress the aftermath of some of those Pegasus parties at Churchill Downs, the Archon hopes that Jim can look back on the recent Run for the Roses with the same

profit and pleasure with which he anticipated it.

FORD SCHUMANN writes, "I've got one more year before I add Music to my B.A. at Washington College. I don't know how long I've got, however, before I legitimately break 100 in golf, but I'm working on it."

'67

"Sugar and spice and all things nice..." An ode to the GDA kitchen staff? Not exactly. Presumably, it was an adolescent tribute to some pimple-ridden Rogers Hall sophomore. No questioning the voice, though. It was Nobody Special's **REID PUGH**—on tape at **RUSTY BOLLES'** epochal party the Friday night of Reunion Weekend. Holding court next to the bar were surprise guests **DAVE "I Feel Fine" MARSH** and **GENE ROMERO** of Skag Squad fame. Over by the pool **ANDY CREED** was dissecting the medfly crisis. Laying waste to a table full of lasagna, chicken and cookies was Sugar Bear **BILL ALFOND**. And in the living room **KEVIN LEARY** was screening the 1966 classic: Boutini Bullet Bombout," starring **ROY MEYERS** as the ambitious young gas jockey. Representing 11 states from Maine to New Mexico, 18 members of the Class of '67 were back in Byfield.



The Alumni Lacrosse Team.

Though the Bolles party was rated the highlight, the 15th Reunion had plenty of other memorable moments. In the five-mile pie race, Class of '67 representatives—sporting the weekend's sartorial success story, custom-made visors—accounted for nearly 25% of the field and blitzed the oversized Class of '72 (the only group with more people at the reunion). At the lacrosse game, ringing chants of "We want Leary" alternated with bawdy songs from still-tuneful **MIKE MILES**. Then, led by the Rumfords and Swifts, the Class dominated the alumni cocktail party. Even at the surprisingly tasty Saturday dinner, the men from '67 captured attention by opening a 15 year old time capsule dug up moments earlier in front of Phillips. Inside was everything from a "Frosh Rule" Wheaties box to a memento from the double-overtime basketball victory over Belmont High: the athletic undergarment worn by **RAY HUARD** as he sunk the winning jump shot.

While most of the audience applauded the Class's foresight and respect for history, a few branded the capsule a hoax. It was disheartening to learn that cynicism seems to have gained a toehold in a community where young boys used to believe that white socks were forever.

'68

Though **BOB MARTIN** continues to live in La Honda (CA), he has recently left newspaper work for a position with Sunset House, the book-publishing company, where he is currently writing a book on solar greenhouses.

DAVE MITCHELL, he of Development Office and Alumni Trustee fame, has recently been promoted to marketing Manager for the Warnaco Knitwear Division of Warnaco, of the four operating groups within the company. His work deals with their several brands; Puritan, McGregor, Spaulding, Rosanna, Hathaway and Christian Dior.

'69

"I am attending the Pacific Coast Banking School, a graduate school of banking in Seattle, WA," says **WILSON DURHAM**. And then with a confidence approaching serenity declares, "I graduate August 1982."



Mr. & Mrs. Rusty Bolles '67 with Win Burt '67.

"Still Art Director of Firehouse Magazine," says **JONATHAN NELSON** and then, as if to assure us that not all his hours are spent in proofreading, adds, "My wife Joanne and I are expecting a child sometime in August."

In an impressive catalogue of his academic achievements, **MICHAEL SHAY** enumerates, "B.A. 1973 (Boston College), MBA 1978 (New York University), LL.D 1982 (Fordham University)." Presently he is working full time as General Manager and Auctioneer for William Doyle Galleries, the third largest U.S. auction house for antiques and fine arts. And then as if to prove that not all Trojans horse around, he concludes, "My MBA and Law degrees were earned in evening classes while I was working full time."

From South Carolina **GREG WELLMAN** reveals, "Wife Melissa gave birth to identical twin girls, Jessica and Lindsay, in August '81." Though the Archon has no way of knowing, it assumes from the evidence above that Greg is somehow involved in Efficiency Engineering. "I seem to spend half my time following a hectic travel schedule and the other half working with my wife to raise three kids," he concludes.

'70

Revealing a busy life style, **JOHN JAMES** writes, "My son John III was born last year. I am a member of a Lawrence (MA) law firm, and I am teaching Environmental Law in the Master's Program at the University of Lowell."

GUY SWENSON writes, "After spending the past year taking care of my one-year-old daughter Sara while my wife worked, I am now employed as a groundwater geologist in Syracuse, NY. My wife is relaxing on a two-year leave of absence from her job and playing with our daughter. I am enjoying my job, but I do miss the time with my daughter."

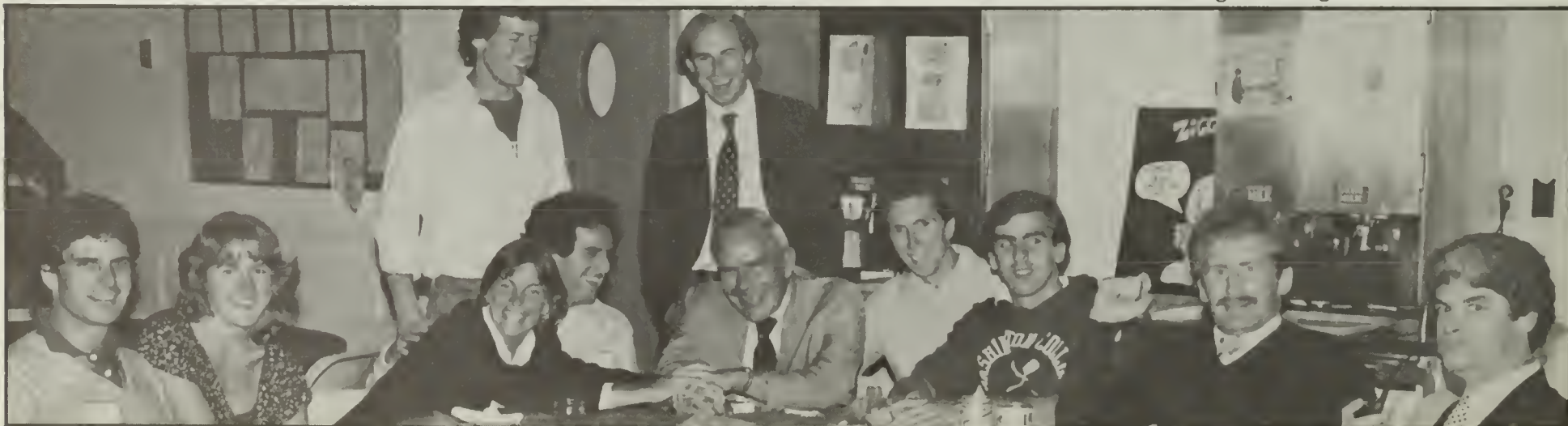
WILL WHITEHOUSE informs us, "I'm a Single Intake Counselor with the State of Florida, investigating child abuse. It keeps you praying." The Archon recalls Will's praying for far less worthy causes, like maybe getting an A on a spot test in John Brown's Body.

STILLMAN DAVIS stopped by the Academy for a brief visit in March. He is a salesman for Verity Tiles in London. They import hand glazed Italian tiles. He was married four years ago and he and his wife Mary have two dogs. He is also the proud holder of a graduate degree in Theology from Oxford.

'71

"After devoting nearly all my time since graduation to the Restaurant Industry (including a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Administration)," writes **RICK BARRETT**, "I am currently in the Restaurant Consulting business. My company, Entrepreneur Consultants, Inc., designs, staffs, and consults for establishments throughout the East and South. Does anyone out there want to own a restaurant?" appeals Rick. "I'd be glad to help you out! P.S. Where is Warren Ross?" Answer: At the last sounding, Warren was thought to be submerged somewhere along Main Street in West Hampstead, NH, Zip Code 03889.

From Canada comes the good news that **ALAN JACKSON**, M.D. is gearing up for the celebration of the first anniversary of his marriage in August '81 to the former



Heb Evans always draws a crowd on Reunion Day.

Miss Debra Jackson of Kingston, Ontario. And Alan adds, "I'm receiving additional training in Neurology at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario."

TOM McMEEKIN reports that in December 1981 he moved from Connecticut to Denver, Colorado to manage the European and domestic pension-fund money in the oil and gas sector for a small company named Energy Search Management, Inc. Of his own domestic side he says, "I am presently building a house in the foothills outside Denver, where my new wife, the former Diane Mosher of Glastonbury, CT, and I will live."

"I'm living in Nahant, just north of Boston," reports SCOTT SEAVER. "I have been cooking in a French nouvelle cuisine restaurant in Cambridge named Panache. I am also bartending on a cruise boat for Bay State Steamship Co. which is located on Long Wharf next to the Aquarium in Boston."

'72

Congratulations to Reunion Chairman BRIAN LENANE and the Class of '72 for having the largest turnout (25) at this year's Reunion Day. Not only is the Class setting the Alumni Fund on fire, but they managed to keep the campus warm on Reunion Day as well.

Back for the Reunion were: BRYCE KIBERD, JACK HALLORAN, JIM TIKELLIS, TOM McDUGALL (all the way from California), GEOFF DURHAM, PETER CONWAY, PAUL COMMITO, FRANK HOLMES, DICK OEDEL, TIM STRAUSS, PETER FRANKLIN, BEN PEARSON, KEVIN KEARNEY, DAVID BRACE, BOB BILLEWICZ, BARRY SIMSON, BOB MURPHY, BILL CONNOLLY, DAVID ROGERS, JOHN DAVIS, DICKEN and BUNNY CRANE, SCOTT CONDON, SARAH SMITH and JIM IRVING (all the way from McLean, VA). The gathered throng, after the cocktail party, dinner and dance proceeded to the Lenane's in Topsfield for a continuation of some great festivities.

DAVID LUKE writes from Hyannis, MA, that he is a partner in the Building/Painting contracting firm of Steadfast Associates. During the sailing season he is the Regional Manager and Skipper of Windover Sales Inc. They import and distribute 27' racing sloops from Finland. Also, during the fall and spring, he has a sailboat delivery service known as There and Back, Inc. Continuing on the positive news he adds, "I remain unmarried and continue to enjoy the lifestyle."

JIM CONNOLLY '34 informs us that Son BILL CONNOLLY is now Assistant Vice President of Morgan Guaranty Trust Company in New York City.

He has completed his MFA degree at the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop, says PETE FOLLANSBEE, has a poem in

the forthcoming North American Review, and is currently enrolled in the Master's program in Expository Writing at the University of Iowa.

From DONALD GAY a communique: "On July 18, 1981 my wife gave birth to our second child. His name is Julian Cecil Gay." And the Archon is willing to wager he's already swinging a lacrosse stick.

"Still in the Navy and currently stationed in Boston," says JOHN HALLORAN. "Living in town and loving it."

One-time Byfielder TOM McDUGALL writes from exile, "Still out here in California, but will be arriving in Byfield on 17 May for a three-week vacation. I look forward to seeing everyone at the class reunion."

In a note mysteriously signed 'The Swede' but possibly attributable to CHRIS SWENSON, we read. "Rats! I won't be able to make it this year, but next spring my companion Helen Walkley and I will be touring our concert throughout the Northeast. Maybe we can perform at Alumni Day! This spring we're performing and teaching through the Northwest, then spending the summer in Idaho, away from the bustle of Seattle. Have a great time! And if anyone wants more details on what I've been up to, see Christopher Stowens, Coordinator of Fine Arts at GDA. He has the lowdown."

JAMES TIKELLIS reports, "I am presently finishing my first year as a Resident in General Surgery at the University of Medicine and Dentistry, Newark, NJ and living in Montclair. I plan to complete a five-year Residency in General Surgery and am considering a fellowship in Vascular Surgery. Very long hours here (80 to 100 a week), but I'm enjoying surgery and the learning experience."

'73

"I'm teaching at a small private school in North Carolina," writes SCOTT JOHNSON. "This June I'm getting married to Anna Culverhouse, a lively social worker from Georgia. North meets South, and this time it is not war."



Todd and Sara Ewell Smith '72 with Bunny Read Crane '74 and Dicken Crane '72.

ROBERT PHILLIPS says he hopes to see some members of the Class of '73 at next year's reunion. "My wife Sherry and I plan to return East this summer as I will be going to Penn State to complete my PhD in Mechanical Engineering," he adds.

"Winnie and I are living in Pleasant Hill, CA, outside of San Francisco," replies PHIL SMITH, "and I'm working for Pacific Gas and Electric Company as an Engineer."

GEORGE (JAIKE) WILLIAMS reports the birth of daughter Alexis Durelle Williams on the auspicious day of January 1, 1982, an easy date to remember.

'74

Born to BRUCE PERRY and wife Mickey on March 24, 1982, a daughter, Meghan Rebecca, weighing out at eight pounds, no ounces.

'75

From MARIA PAPAIOANOU GRAY this news of family and fortune: "I am busy keeping my two children, Jacky (1½) and Rose (3 mos.), in line. My husband John is running for re-election as State Representative for the Second Essex District. This summer we are beginning work on building a new home. Apart from my domestic responsibilities, I am teaching a course in Continuing Education at Northern Essex Community College. I would enjoy hearing from my cohorts. Come see me in Groveland sometime."

WINSTON RICE reports that he is working as a Communication Systems Engineer with the Mitre Corporation in Bedford, MA and living in Marshfield and that he has just bought a motorcycle. Then he closes with the somewhat puzzling association of comments: "Unmarried! Enjoying life!"

Word comes that JAY TAGGART is employed as an Assistant Buyer with Neiman-Marcus Co. in Dallas, TX. He completed Neiman-Marcus' Executive Training Program in March 1981, a program in which only one percent of the applicants are accepted.



Barry Simson '72, David Brace '72 and Bill Connolly '72 gather with their wives at Reunion Day.

'76

Although she would be unable to play in the Alumni tennis matches, **SARA DAVIDSON** sent best wishes and a promise that she'd try to be there to give support. Other than Sara's, the best support those matches could have had would have been a kindly nod from that Great Rainstopper in the Sky.

'77

Led by the triumvirate of **JOE PIETRAFESA** (who'll be married in late June), **DAVE PHIPPEN** and **TRACIE ACKERMAN FORNARO** the 5th Reunion Class gathered on Friday night, May 28 for a memorable boat cruise in Boston Harbor. In spite of poor weather on both occasions, many appeared in Byfield on Saturday to take part in the Reunion.

Registering on Saturday were: **TED CREMER**, **ANDY STERGE**, **ALLISON McELROY**, **MIKE TULLOCH**, **DAVID BELL** (who is living, yes, in Moscow, Idaho), **HILARY LARABA**, **MICHELLE MAREAN**, **JACK LU**, **STEVE SAPUPPO**, **JOHN SELLSTROM** and **CHIP WEICKERT**. There were others, certainly, who were in attendance but who simply forgot to register.

"I am presently working as Chef Tour-nant," writes **PERRY LONG**, "at Commander's Palace Restaurant in New Orleans, LA and am attending the University of New Orleans, where I am enrolled in the School of Restaurant and Hotel Management."

'80

From Babson College **BILL BRINE** reports that he is owner and president of the Babson Tire Sales, is president of Babson Chamber of Commerce, and along with **JIM GARDNER** is a brother in Theta Chi



Peter Jenkins '78 was named to the 1982 All American College Lacrosse Team for Divisions I, II and III, a first for GDA Lacrosse. fraternity. Bill concludes with the following challenge: "I'll match any pledge of **DANA JONES** to GDA."

LYNNE DURLAND and **HEATHER PERKINS** recently received Sawyer Fellowships at Colby-Sawyer College. These prestigious fellowships are given only to those sophomores who have excelled during their first two years at Colby-Sawyer.

Via the Bowdoin College newspaper, in an illustrated feature article, the Archon has received information concerning the inception, function, and membership of the **DANA JONES FAN CLUB**. This tight little band of enthusiasts meets regularly and raucously in the Morrell Gym to urge its idol on to prodigious feats of magnitude whenever the Bowdoin JV Basketball Team takes to the hardwood. Among the many banners that grace the rafters on such occasions is one that proclaims, "**DANA JONES** and **NBC** are No. 1." Both Dana and **DAVE CALLAN** played for another successful Bowdoin Lacrosse Team in the spring.

"I will be graduating from Colby-Sawyer College with my Associate Degree in Recreational Leadership," writes **HEATHER PERKINS**. "I will continue at Colby-Sawyer for another two years to receive my Bachelor of Science Degree in Child Study. This year I was president of

my dorm, and I'll be a Resident Coordinator for a dorm next year. Lacrosse is going well: I am co-captain and play Left Attack Wing."

From Union College **STEVE WALL** tells us, "I am still rooming with **JARED SQUIRES** at Phi Gamma Delta, and we haven't killed each other yet. This winter I was appointed Social Chairman of the fraternity, and I took second place in the winter intramural wrestling meet in the heavyweight class. Also this winter I came back to GDA to speak to the Junior Class about college admissions; I enjoyed that a great deal."

'81

CLARISSA DANE says she's returning to Ithaca for one semester before moving out to Los Angeles. "Recording is going well," she adds; and in a mysterious note which the Archon modestly refrains from investigating, Clarissa concludes, "Thinking about P.B."

"Taking a year off before going to Harvard," writes **SARGE KENNEDY**. From September through January he worked as a carpenter's assistant and learned "everything from framing a house to doing cabinet work." In February he went to St. Croix and the US Virgin Islands "for some needed sun." In March and April he took a trip to Europe with the Eurail Youthpass for five weeks. Traveling through Southern France, he stopped off at Cannes and went as far south as Rome, then north through Austria, Switzerland, Germany ("Munich was great!"), all the way north to Copenhagen, Denmark.

From Oregon **KELLER LAROS** reports that everything is going well at Lewis and Clark College except that it rains every day.

"I enjoyed my first year at UNH very much," reports **JOANNE LEARY**. "This summer I will be involved with Freshman Orientation for the month of June, then right on to Hampton Beach guarding the playground; so I hope to see a lot of Governor Dummer people. My congratulations to the Class of '82."

News from **LARRY SCHWARTZ**: "I plan on going to Florida with **DOUG BROWN** for the March break. I've joined the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity and hope to be working in the Washington, DC area this summer."



Susan Perry '81 with English Department Chairman Wally Rowe.

Commencement Prize Winners



Morse Flag Claire Brake Dober
 Academy Prize Ann Kinch Rooney
 Thorndike Hilton Cup Brian Gilbert Freeman
 Peter Marshall French Trophy . . . John Francis Leary, III
 Goodwin Athletic Prize Robert Teh-Pin Low
 Anne Marie Murphy Athletic Prize . . Alison Ann Miller
 Thespian John Sanders Krigbaum
 Ingham Fund Scholarship Aaron Lars Halpern
 Richard Hawes Francis

Scholarship Stephanie McFaddin
 Dean Channing Hale
 Scholarship John S. H. Sylvain, II
 Wilmot Roby Evans
 Scholarship Steven P. Boyd

Jillian S. Demeri
 Kevin F. Hulse
 Mark D. Miller
 Kristen P. Saunders

Cummings Prize Marshall Kellogg Rowe
 Gaffney Prize Erica Silliman Norton
 Harvard Prize Book Susan Jennifer Towler
 Barriskill Prize Brian Gilbert Freeman
 Kittie and Tom Mercer Art Prize Jillian S. Demeri
 Special Prizes David Lee Schwartz

Stephen C. Booth
 Timothy Lloyd Stetson
 Cornelia Redington Woodworth
 Nancy Vernon Lord
 Charles Bailey Larned
 William Edward Hutchinson
 Jerome Vincent Sweeney

Whittemore Award Christine I. Romboletti
 Wilkie Service Prize Mark William Nichols
 Bausch & Lomb Medal Matthew Arnold Teborek
 Rensselaer Polytechnic

Institute Medal Aaron Lars Halpern
 Moody Kent Prizes

English Brian Gilbert Freeman
 History Claire Brake Dober
 Mathematics John Paul Bushell, III
 Science David Charles Trayers
 Religion Susan Jennifer Towler
 Music Christopher Michael Frangos
 French Karen Helen Matzner
 Spanish Ann Kinch Rooney
 German Darrah Elizabeth Shula
 Latin Stephen C. Booth
 Art Bonnie Maynard Perkins

Ambrose Speaking Awards
 First Claire Brake Dober
 Second Heather Marion Vickers
 Third David Lee Schwartz
 Alumni Association Award David L. Marglous

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